

2015 NATIONAL FOREST WEEK POSTER CONTEST

The Forestry and Agrifoods Agency, Forestry Services Branch, is inviting all Grade 5 students in Newfoundland and Labrador to participate in the annual National Forest Week Poster Contest.

The theme of the 2015 National Forest Week Poster contest is:

“FIRESMART BEGINS AT HOME”

THEME OVERVIEW:

Preparing for the threat of wildfire is a shared responsibility. As homes and communities grow into more forested areas, our properties become more exposed to the danger of wildfire. The primary goal of FireSmart is to create a landscape around your home that is less vulnerable to fire. By following FireSmart principles, you and your family can help make sure your home or cabin is wildfire resistant.

Use a blank piece of paper to create your own fire prevention poster outlining one or more of the following FireSmart activities. You don't have to include everything – just create a drawing showing you know what it means to be FireSmart!

Here are some things you can do around your home, cabin and yard to be FireSmart:

1. Make sure leaves, dead limbs and twigs around your house or cabin are raked up regularly.
2. Ensure your grass is cut and watered regularly.
3. Evergreen trees like spruce and balsam fir should be at least 10 metres (30 feet) away from your house or cabin.
4. Firewood is stacked at least 10 metres (30 feet) away from the house or cabin.
5. Your backyard fire pit is sitting on rock, clay or soil, is clear of debris and equipped with a grate.
6. Plants and landscape material around your home or cabin are fire resistant.
7. Your driveway is wide enough for emergency crews to get in and out.
8. Your house number is clearly visible from the road.
9. The roof of your house or cabin is constructed of fire resistant material.
10. Your roof and eaves are free of leaves and debris.
11. There are items close by that can be used to fight small fires (bucket, hose, shovel, etc.)
12. Your family has an emergency evacuation plan.

TEACHER RESOURCES:

To learn more about wildfire prevention, and the causes of forest fires, we encourage teachers and students to visit the following websites:

SmokeyBear: www.smokeybear.com

FireSmart Canada: www.firesmartcanada.ca

CONTEST RULES AND DIRECTIONS:

The contest will have **one overall provincial winner** whose poster will be featured on the cover of the 2016 National Forest Week Calendar. The winner will also receive an Apple iPad Mini 2 and case, a Fire Prevention Gift Pack, and a framed version of their poster as a keepsake. In addition, their school will receive a \$500 grant to be used towards the purchase of books for their library.

The calendar will also feature 13 finalists from across the province who will each receive a Fire Prevention Gift Pack.

1. Posters should be created using plain white, landscape oriented, tabloid size (11"x17") paper. **Please do not fold!**
2. Please instruct students to clearly write their name on the **back** of their poster.
3. We ask teachers to please complete the **registration form** and include with the poster submissions.
4. Entries must be postmarked by: **Monday, June 1, 2015.**
5. Mail all entries to:
Forestry and Agrifoods Agency – Forestry Services Branch
National Forest Week Poster Contest
P.O. Box 2006, Fortis Building
Corner Brook, NL A2H 6J8
Attention: Public Relations
6. Judging will be done by the National Forest Week Committee and will be based on originality, creativity, uniqueness of the message.
7. All prizes will be awarded during National Forest Week, September 20-26, 2015.
8. All posters will remain the property of the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency, Forestry Services Branch, and may be used for future promotional activities.



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NATIONAL FOREST WEEK POSTER CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

Teacher Name: _____

Email: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Total number of students
(submissions) in class: _____

POSTER SUBMISSIONS:

Please ensure students names are clearly marked on the **back** of each poster.

Poster:	Students Name:	Grade:
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