

Brush, Grass and Forest Fires

NFPA's Brush, Grass and Forest Fires report is an analysis examining the circumstances and causal patterns of brush, grass and forest fires reported to local fire departments between 2007 and 2011.

Local fire departments responded to an estimated average of **334,200** brush, grass and forest fires per year.

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On average, **915** were reported each day.

Overall, **1 in 5** of these fires was intentionally set.



35%

of these fires occurred in open lands or fields



16%

of these fires occurred on highways, streets or parking areas.



10%


of these fires occurred at one- or two-family homes.



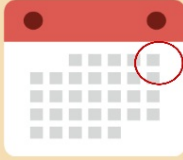
9 of 25 costliest (in terms of property loss) fires in U.S. history were described as forest, wildland or WUI fires.



Smoking materials started **47%** of the brush or

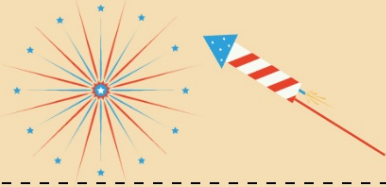


brush and grass mixture fires that began with wood chips, sawdust or shavings.



Saturday

was the peak day for natural vegetation fires.



July 4th had almost **5 times** the daily average of 915 fires.



Lightning caused **16%** of forest, woods or wildland fires, but only 4% of all natural vegetation fires.



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