

Weed Whackers

Tips to Reduce Fire Dangers

- Have your weed whacker professionally checked and tuned before use, especially if it's been in storage.
- Make sure there are no gas leaks.
- Take breaks so the motor does not become overheated.
- Use plastic blades or nylon strings instead of metal blades. Sparks caused by metal blades hitting rocks can start a fire.
- If you must use a metal blade, clear rocks before you begin cutting or avoid them as much as possible to prevent sparks.
- Do not refuel in the brush or grass.
- Cut in the cooler parts of the day (morning, evening, or overcast days).
- ALWAYS have a water source or fire extinguisher close by to put out sparks and blazes immediately.

Only YOU can prevent weed whacker fires!

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