

BUILD A BONFIRE

Many of you Cragsmen will live in towns, so you may have to travel a little for this challenge. But around this time of the year, especially with yard clean up, there are things like branches and leaves, that need to be burned.

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EARN THIS NUGGET

With your parent's help, find a location where you can legally build a bonfire, and take the lead in building it.

LEVEL 1

PERIOD 7

TASK 2

- First thing you'll want to do is find a good, clear spot for the bonfire. For safety's sake, build a circle of rocks to contain the fire and brush anything else combustible well away. Don't build the fire under trees. Have a hose or fire extinguisher nearby.
- Now, let's get the fire going. You'll want a pile of kindling - small dry sticks. Stack them in a teepee shape with tinder, newspaper or other fire starter material inside.
- Next, stack larger logs on the teepee to essentially make it bigger and taller.
- For a sure result, repeat this process several times with a layer of kindling, a layer of sticks, and logs. Make sure to leave an opening to light it and get oxygen to the center.
- Light the fire and stand well back as it gets going.
- Continue to add any items that need to be burned, or alternatively make S'mores. ("Making S'mores Over an Open Fire") Now that's one of my favorite Cragsgman skills!

