

Small Fires and How To Cope With Them

1. Never try to fight a large fire by yourself. Call your fire department and get everybody out and away from the fire.
2. When fighting a small fire, stay close to the door so you can easily escape.
3. Aim the water hose or fire extinguisher hose at the base of the fire and sweep from the edge inward. On wall fires, aim stream at bottom of fire and sweep upward.
4. Never go into closets, small attics, or other small places. Shoot stream from outside into the fire.
5. Cooking fires -- Turn off stove and smother fire with a lid or soda. **NEVER USE WATER** as that will only spread the flames. Or use the recommended extinguisher--B.
6. Clothing fires -- Smother the flames by covering with a blanket, rug, coat, etc. and rolling on the ground.
7. Electrical fires -- Unplug appliance. Use type --C-- fire extinguisher only.
8. Yard fires -- Use water, stamp out with broom, cover with sand or dirt, or use type --A-- fire extinguisher.