

Editorial: Important to know how not to start a fire

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Wildfires have already claimed homes in the Reno-Sparks area. Tens of thousands of acres have burned. And it's only July.

We can all play a role in minimizing fires going forward. Think about where you can make a difference.

It may seem obvious – don't start a wildfire – but that's the thing. We often don't realize what we should have done differently until it's too late. Ninety percent of wildfires are caused by humans, the National Park Service reports. If you use a gun, pull a trailer, drive off-road, smoke cigarettes, go camping or live in a rural area, there are actions you can take to minimize fire danger.

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