



## Shelter in Yard Tips and Tasks: Proper Vehicle Use to Prevent Wildfires



With many Shelter in Place orders easing, inactive vehicles are getting operated again after being idle for several weeks. Motorists are responsible for many of the wildfires sparked along our roadways. Nearly all these fire starts could be prevented by following these safety rules.

### Safe Towing

Dragging chains will throw sparks. Never substitute parts when towing. Only use appropriate safety pins & hitch ball.



### Nothing Dragging

Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained, with nothing dragging on the ground.



### Be Wheel Safe

Check tire pressure. Driving on an exposed wheel rim throws sparks.



### Maintain Vehicle Brakes

Never let your brake pads wear too thin. Metal on metal makes sparks.



### Careless Park Causes Spark

Vehicles parked too closely to vegetation start fires. Don't drive or park on dry grass.



### Report All Fires CALL 9-1-1

Report location, what is burning, how fast is it moving, how tall are the flames, what is in danger, stay on the phone.



For more resources, visit our [Shelter in Yard](#) page on the [Santa Clara Council FireSafe Council](#) website.