



## Landscapes On Fire

Use the word bank below to unscramble words and discover why **Metroparks Toledo** does prescribed burns to help the landscape.

prescribed burns	disease	invasive species	maple trees	oak trees
soil nutrients	recovery	lark sparrow	lupine	blazing star

**Prescribed burns** are good for forests. The Metroparks staff will set controlled fires on purpose to keep the landscape healthy. They help get rid of **disease** and **invasive species**. Prescribed burns help keep **alpine spruce** down and **oaks** start to grow. The fires help **soil nutrients**, which helps the **recovery** of forests. Plant and animal species like **lark sparrow**, **lupine**, and **blazing star** need fire to keep them healthy.



### Word Search

- Invasive Species
- Oak Tree
- Maple Tree
- Lark Sparrow
- Blazing Star
- Recovery
- Lupine
- Nutrients

*Fun Fact: Only trained experts should do prescribed burns. They have to follow strict guidelines about weather and size. It is beneficial to the forests. It burns out disease and invasive species, and it burns dead shrubs and trees.*