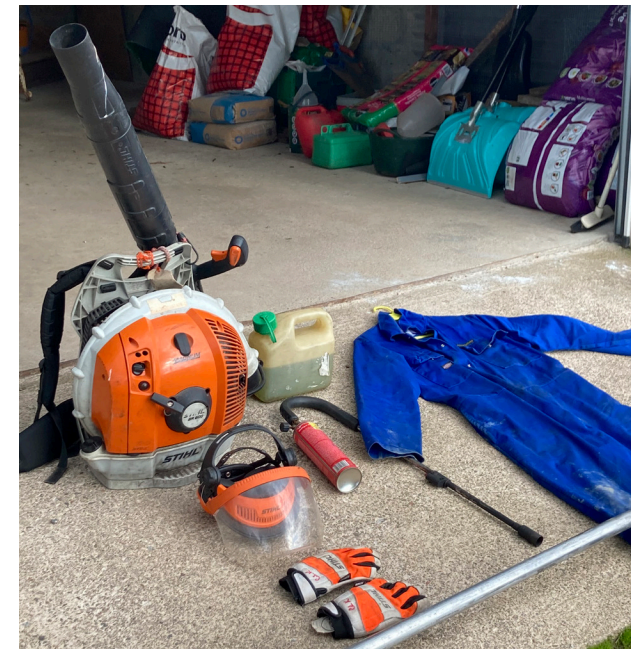


# Equipment to Prepare for Muirburn and Wildfires



## Advantages to Preparation

“ North Talisker Sheep Stock Club have undertaken responsible muirburn in the past to help manage land and improve grazing for our sheep. We have fire beaters on hand that have come in useful to others when a domestic fire spread to a croft in the township and took off towards houses and businesses. ”

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## For Further Information

Muirburn in Scotland and training and licensing:



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It is important that land managers have access to tools for fire fighting whether they undertake muirburn or not. The wildfire risk across Scotland continues to rise. It is important to consider this risk and have mitigations in place.

Communication is key so its important that everyone knows to call 999 and work with the fire brigade.

It is also useful that everyone in the local community with experience of fighting fires has each others telephone numbers so they can call for extra help.



**Wildfires are increasingly common**

Hand tools should only used to directly fight fire when the flame length is between 0 - 1.5m. It is important to get training so you are using the correct tools in the correct manner in the safest way.



**Fire beater-rubber**

The swatting action deprives the fire of oxygen. They are most effective for grass fires. Working in pairs can be very effective.

Fire beaters with mesh heads are more suitable for scrub-like vegetation i.e. heather.



If flames get higher than 1.5m you should reassess. Sometimes spraying with water from a knapsack in front of the beaters reduces the fire intensity and allows the beaters to suppress the flames. Training on different scenarios and experience are vital.

## **Leaf Blowers**

After attending Muirburn training where this technique was demonstrated the Sleaf Grazings committee invested in Leaf Blowers.

This equipment requires less energy from the operator and can be useful in maintaining tight fire lines.

They can also be used to help extinguish small fires in addition to other tools.



**Leaf blower**