

Wildfires

Wildfires often begin unnoticed and spread quickly, igniting brush, trees and homes. People are the cause of most wildfires.



Reduce the risk of a wildfire occurring in your area by:



- adhering to any burning bans that are in effect.

- calling 911 to report grass fires or other types of outdoor burning.

- teaching children about fire safety and keeping matches and lighters out of their reach.



There are other ways you can prevent wildfires, too. Design and landscape your home with wildfire safety in mind.



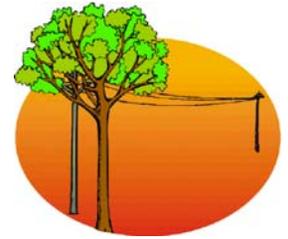
Select materials and plants that can help contain fire rather than fuel it. Use fire resistant or noncombustible

materials on the roof and exterior structure of the building. Plant fire resistant shrubs or trees.

Create a 30- to 50-foot safety area around your home by raking up leaves and twigs.



Clear all flammable vegetation. Remove branches that extend over the roof.

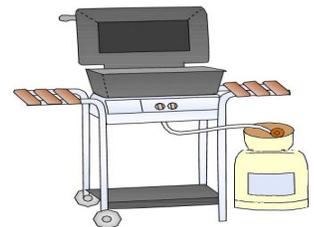


Ask the power company to clear branches from power lines.



Remove vines from the walls of your home and mow grass regularly.

Clear a 10-foot area around propane tanks and grills.



Stack firewood at least 100 feet away and uphill from your home or business.

Maintain an adequate outside water source. Have a garden hose long enough to reach any area on your property. Install exterior water outlets on at least two sides of the home.



When a wildfire threatens: Back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing the direction of escape. If you are advised to leave, evacuate immediately!



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