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Is your family ready for wildfire season?

Recommendations for Creating Defensible Space

- ✓ **Remove** - deadwood from the yard, roof & gutters
- ✓ **Reduce** - layers of debris to three inches or less
- ✓ **Replace** - with fire-resistant plants & vegetation
- ✓ **Relocate** - firewood & other combustibles

Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit that can
Last at Least Three Days

- Bottled Water, 1 gallon per person, per day
- Food, that doesn't require refrigeration or heating (non-perishable)
- Medications
- First aid kit
- Battery-powered radio
- Flashlights & batteries
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Important documentation (ID & Insurance)
- Special Needs - additional essential items, for example extra wheelchair batteries, oxygen, medical supplies, and prescriptions
- Cellular phone & emergency charger
- Pet food & additional water for pets



Keep a Second Smaller Emergency Supply Kit
to Take With You in Case of Evacuation
(Include Clothing & Toiletries)

Wildfire Preparedness - It's Your Responsibility

- Family Evacuation Plan
- Communication Plan
- Emergency Kit
- Home 'Fire-wise' Zone



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Be Prepared
Help Your Neighbor!

"We can all pitch in and take personal responsibility with simple steps to create 'fire-wise' zones around our own homes."

- Governor Brian Schweitzer



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Are You Ready?

Use this checklist to help you & your family prepare your home by creating defensible space.

Any 'no' answers require further preparation.

- Has dead vegetation within the 'fire-wise' zone (within 100 ft of the house) been removed?
- Has continuous dense cover of shrubs & or trees been broken up creating open space?
- Have ladder fuels (vegetation that allows fire to climb up & off the ground) been removed?
- Is the area surrounding your home 'lean & clean' (plants kept healthy - no accumulation of flammable debris) to a distance of 30 feet?
- Are vegetation & other fuel sources surrounding your home regularly maintained?
- Is your roofing material fire-resistant?

Is Your Neighborhood Prepared?

- Assist neighbors, especially those with special needs, in home preparation & during evacuation
- Post all house numbers at the beginning of each driveway or on the house itself if on the road
- Identify at least two exit routes accessible to all residents & communicate the plan
- Clearly mark water, gas, & propane supply valves (turn off gas & propane valves before evacuating)
- Identify safety zones & make sure all residents know where they are in case of an emergency

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To learn more about fire preparedness or how you can help your neighbors, please visit:
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