



Graham Fire & Rescue

WILD FIRES

With the weather beginning to show signs of warming, grass and brush fires will soon be a threat to area homes. Here are some things you can do to protect your family and property in the event of a fire.

- ✓ Develop an evacuation plan. Everyone in your family should know where to go if they have to leave and what to do in case all family members are not together.
- ✓ Plan two ways out of your neighborhood. Your primary route may be blocked; know another way out just in case.
- ✓ Make sure fire vehicles can get to your home. Clearly mark all driveway entrances and display your name and address.
- ✓ Keep a garden hose on the property, long enough to reach any area of the home and other structures.
- ✓ Install exterior water outlets on at least two sides of the home and near other structures on the property (freeze-proof for winter considerations).
- ✓ Maintain a "defensible" space around your home by clearing all flammable vegetation a minimum of 30 feet around the structures. Clear dead leaves and branches and space ornamental shrubbery and trees.
- ✓ Clean needles and leaves from the roof, eaves and rain gutters.
- ✓ Trim tree limbs within 10 feet of your chimney and dead limbs hanging over your house or garage.
- ✓ Cover your chimney outlet or flue with a spark arresting ½" mesh screen.
- ✓ Stack woodpiles at least 30 feet from buildings, fences and other combustible materials.
- ✓ Clear all vegetation and other flammable materials from beneath your deck. Enclose undersides of elevated decks with fire resistive materials.

