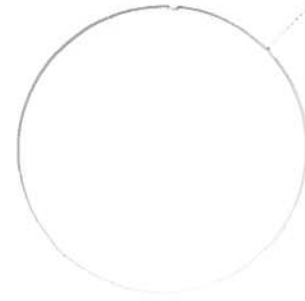


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Wildfire can strike your home if you have not taken some steps to protect your house and property. The actions and precautions listed below are designed to help you prepare your home and lessen the threat of wildland fire damage to you and your property.

- 1 **PROPANE TANKS SHOULD BE FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM BUILDINGS FOR VALVES TO BE SHUT OFF IN CASE OF FIRE. KEEP AREA AROUND THE TANK CLEAR OF FLAMMABLE VEGETATION.**
- 2 **STORE GASOLINE IN AN APPROVED SAFETY CAN AWAY FROM OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.**
- 3 **ALL COMBUSTIBLES SUCH AS FIREWOOD, WOODEN PICNIC TABLES, BOATS AND STACKED LUMBER SHOULD BE KEPT AWAY FROM STRUCTURES.**
- 4 **CLEAR ROOF SURFACES AND GUTTERS REGULARLY TO AVOID BUILD-UP OF FLAMMABLE MATERIALS SUCH AS LEAVES AND OTHER DEBRIS.**
- 5 **REMOVE BRANCHES FROM TREES TO A HEIGHT OF 15 FEET OR MORE.**
- 6 **IN RURAL AREAS, CLEAR A FUEL BREAK OF AT LEAST THREE TIMES THE FUEL LENGTH AROUND ALL STRUCTURES.**
- 7 **HAVE FIRE TOOLS HANDY SUCH AS: LADDER LONG ENOUGH TO REACH YOUR ROOF, SHOVEL, RAKE AND A BUCKET OR TWO FOR WATER.**
- 8 **PLACE CONNECTED GARDEN HOSES AT ALL SIDES OF YOUR HOME FOR EMERGENCY USE.**
- 9 **ASSURE THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY KNOW ALL EMERGENCY EXITS FROM YOUR HOME.**
- 10 **ASSURE THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY KNOW ALL EMERGENCY EXITS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.**

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