

FIREWISE CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to determine if your home and property are Firewise.

- Adequate defensible space is available. A minimum of 30 feet around the home and each structure is needed.
- The grass is mowed regularly, and leaves and pine needles are cleared within the defensible space area.
- The firewood is stacked or stored at least 30 feet from the house.
- A hose that reaches all the way around the house is readily available (a 100-foot hose is recommended).



- The propane (LPG) tank is located at least 10 feet from the house, and weeds, tall grasses, and vines have been cleared.
- Tree branches overhanging the roof have been pruned within 15-20 feet of the chimney.
- The deck is enclosed to keep leaves and other woody debris from accumulating.
- A mobile home should have underpinning/skirting materials all the way around the structure to prevent the accumulation of flammable debris.

- The driveway can accommodate local fire department vehicles (12-foot wide or larger).
- The house number (at least 4 inches tall) is highly visible on the home and at the entrance of the driveway.
- The gutters are free of dead leaves, moss, pine needles, and twigs.



- A ladder, fire extinguisher, and hand tools such as rakes, shovels, and axes are readily available.
- A spark arrester has been installed on the chimney (a 1/2-inch mesh screen is recommended).
- Fire-resistant plants, shrubs, and trees are used in landscaping.
- An escape plan has been developed and discussed with family members.
- My homeowner's insurance policy has adequate coverage for the costs of rebuilding and repairs needed in the case of a catastrophic wildfire.

