

Brush Fire Information

Protect your home.

*INSIDE YOUR HOME

- Install smoke detectors inside your home
- place fire extinguishers in your kitchen and garage
- create a home escape plan and practice it twice a year

*OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- Regularly clean gutters and roofs. Wash the roof on a regular basis to get rid of dry needles and leaves.
- Have a garden hose long enough to reach most areas of your property.
- Prevent sparks from entering your home. Screen openings to floors, roof and attic with 1/8 inch mesh. Use a maximum of 1/2 inch mesh screens beneath porches, decks, floors areas and the home itself.
- Install protective shutters or heavy fire resistant drapes.
- Provide a driveway that is wide enough to allow access for the fire engines (12' wide with a 15' vertical clearance and a slope less than 5%).
- Keep your driveways and access roads well maintained, clearly marked, and include ample turn space near the house.

-Clear a 10-foot area around propane tanks and the barbecue.

-Regularly dispose of newspaper and rubbish at an approved site.

DO NOT BURN IT! DO NOT BURN IT!! DO NOT BURN IT!!!

-Create a defensible space by thinning trees and brush within 100' from all structures.

-Do not park non-running vehicles (including trailers, RV's and Boats) around your home. They are extremely flammable and will burn.

-Store gasoline, oily rags and other flammable materials only in approved safety cans. Place cans in a safe location away from the base of any buildings.

-Piles of refuse such as old furniture, boxes and pallets are fires waiting to happen.

-Rake and dispose of leaves, needles, and twigs.

-Remove dead and piled up vegetation, and dispose of it properly. **DO NOT BURN IT!!!**

-keep any stored debris from within 100' of all your buildings.

-Remove all leaves and rubbish from under any structures.

-Remove ladder fuels (plants that provide link between the ground and the tree limbs).

-Mow your grass often.