

Prepare for Wildfire

Saratoga Springs City-Dump Fire 2012

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The Defensible Space Checklist

1. Define and Create Your Defensible Space:
Defensible Space is the area between your home and the wildland where vegetation has been modified. This area is suggested to be at least 30 feet on flat ground and more with areas of greater slope.
2. Keep It Lean, Clean and Green:
Lean: Small amounts of flammable vegetation
Clean: No accumulation of dead vegetation or flammable debris
Green: Plants are healthy and green during the fire season.
3. Eliminate Ladder Fuels:
Remove vegetation that allows a fire to move from lower plants to taller ones.
4. Break It Up:
Interrupt layers of flammable vegetation with nonflammable materials.
5. Maintain Your Space:
Maintain your defensible space at least once a year but twice a year, spring and fall, is better.
6. Check Your Roof:
Clean gutters of debris, remove limbs over the roof and build with nonflammable materials.
7. Fire Proof Your Signs and Access:
Have visible and fire resistant signs and provide adequate ingress and egress for emergency vehicles to access your property.
8. Do Emergency Planning:
Plan in advance a safe area to meet and establish evacuation procedures. Then discuss plans with family and neighbors. Don't forget to practice, practice, practice.

Wildfire Evacuation Checklist

1. Go Early:
By leaving early, you will give your family the best chance of surviving a wildfire. You also help firefighters by keeping roads clear of congestion, enabling them to do their job.
2. Make a Kit:
Keep a pair of shoes and a flashlight handy for a night evacuation.
Keep the six "P's" ready, in case an immediate evacuation is required:
 - a. People and pets
 - b. Papers, phone numbers, and important documents
 - c. Prescriptions, vitamins, and eyeglasses, hearing aids and batteries
 - d. Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia
 - e. Personal computers (information on portable storage device)
 - f. "Plastic" (credit cards, ATM cards) and cash
3. Other items that may help:
 - a. Infant care items such as formula, food, wipes, and disposable diaper
 - b. Special dietary food if required
 - c. Photos/video of the inside of your house (for insurance purposes)
 - d. Personal hygiene items such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrush, aspirin, antacid, etc.
 - e. Change of clothing
 - f. Nonperishable foods that do not need cooking and water
 - g. Sleeping bag or blanket, sheets, and pillow