



## **Quick and Easy Solutions Start Being Prepared for a Wild Fire.**

1. Cut your grass and weeds, rake leaves and pine needles and remove yard debris and branches.
2. Relocate the woodpile and left over building materials at least 30' from house.
3. Have your address and access well marked.
4. Prune dead limbs 6 to 8 feet from the ground around the house.
5. Store all gas, oil and other chemicals away from the house.
6. Keep the roof and gutters free from leaves and needles.
7. Enclose the spaces under porches, foundations and overhangs and roof/attic vent openings with 1/8" metal screening.
8. Have garden hoses connected on all sides of your house.
9. Place tools such as: ladders, shovels, rakes and hoes for easy access to fire fighters.
10. Check your driveway for access for emergency vehicles.  
(height and width)



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## Wildfire Preparedness Check List

The more "yes" answers you have, the more prepared you are in the event of a wildfire threat.

<u>The House</u>	Yes	No
Fire-resistant roof i.e. metal, tile, composition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-flammable siding materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home is located down-slope	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wooden deck facing or overhanging level ground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large glass windows, facing level ground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deck, porch, vents or house screened to keep sparks out	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chimney extending above the roofline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chimney spark arrester in place	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roof and gutters clean of debris	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 <u>Around the House</u>		
A fire defensible space (D-space) zone of 30 – 100 ft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adequate clearance of weeds, tall grasses and brush	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leaves raked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trees pruned 10 ft up from base of trunk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Debris cleared from beneath trees and near structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tree limbs pruned at least 10 ft from roof or <i>within</i> 15 ft laterally from chimney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
House location or address clearly marked (3 inch letters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Firewood and other burnable items stored at lease 30 ft from the house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small amounts of mulch used near wooden structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 <u>Access</u>		
Easy access to home by emergency vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road grade less than 15 % (not steep)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road wide and accommodating to two-way traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road straight with wide turns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large areas for vehicles to turn around	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Short driveway from main road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multiple roads into and out of developed area for safe and easy access and evacuation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home area level and easily plowed or raked for fire line	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 <u>Water Supply</u>		
Pressurized hydrants available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-pressurized or dry hydrants available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water sources such as ponds or streams accessible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Power lines buried and not susceptible to fire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Well pumps maintained with uninterrupted electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## TIPS FOR SAFE DEBRIS BURNING

- ◆ Check for -- and comply with -- bans on outdoor burning.
- ◆ Avoid burning trash, leaves and brush on dry, windy days.
- ◆ Check to see if weather changes are expected. Postpone outdoor burning if shifts in wind direction, high winds or wind gusts are forecast.
- ◆ Before doing any burning, establish wide control lines down to bare mineral soil at least five feet wide around any burn barrels and even wider around brush piles and other piled debris to be burned. The larger the debris pile, the wider the control line that is needed to ensure that burning materials won't be blown or roll off the pile into vegetation outside the line.
- ◆ Stay with all outdoor fires, until they are completely out.
- ◆ Keep water and hand tools ready in case your fire should attempt to spread.
- ◆ Burn household trash only in a burn barrel or other trash container equipped with a screen or metal grid to keep burning material contained.
- ◆ Never attempt to burn aerosol cans; heated cans will explode. Flying metal may cause injuries and the explosion may scatter burning material into nearby vegetation and cause a wildfire.
- ◆ Stay abreast of wildfire danger levels and heed warnings and bans on outdoor burning.

Careless debris burning is a major cause of wildland fires in Texas. Everyone needs to cooperate and exercise extreme caution with all potential sources of wildfire ignition, if senseless and potentially deadly wildfires are to be avoided.