The purpose of the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council is to help residents reduce the risk of wildland fires. Fire plays an important role in a healthy eco-system. However, fire too close to residential neighborhoods and it’s effects can be disastrous.

That is why Mendocino County Fire Safe Council wants to help you assure your survival by helping you manage the surrounding forest and interface around your homes and building assets. It is really up to each one of us to take part, to assume responsibility for our own parcels and to help folks, who have not heard this message, take action.

Why do some homes survive a wildfire and others do not? It’s all in the details. By reducing the vegetation, eliminating ladder fuels, maintaining a clean roof and gutters, and cleaning up debris around your home, you can limit the effects of a wildfire if one should happen near you.

CREATE A SAFETY ZONE AROUND YOUR HOME

• Rake leaves, dead limbs, and twigs. Clear all flammable vegetation.
• Thin a 15-foot space between tree crowns, remove limbs within 15 feet of the ground.
• Remove leaves and rubbish from under structures.
• Remove dead branches that extend over the roof.
• Prune tree branches and shrubs within 15 feet of a stovepipe or chimney outlet.
• Remove vines from the walls of the home.
• Mow grass regularly.
• Clear a 10-foot area around propane tanks and barbecue.
• Regularly dispose of newspapers and rubbish at your local recycling station.
• Place stove, fireplace and grill ashes in a metal bucket and soak with water before disposing.

A DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Use these tips to prepare your home and protect your family and pets

- Keep fire tools available: shovel, rake, ladder.
- Keep your chimney clean and install spark arrester.
- Keep your roof clear of leaves, needles, and other debris.
- Keep all but scattered trees within 30 feet of structures.
- Remove all brush and debris from within 100 feet of the house.
- For the next 70 feet, thin and prune your coniferous trees.
- Keep driveways accessible for fire trucks and provide a turn-around area.
- Keep burnable materials from under and around all structures.
- Keep your grass green and mowed 100 feet from any structure.
- Keep woodpile 30 feet from structures and fuel tanks.
- Keep 100 feet of garden hose attached.

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY, PROTECT YOUR HOME BY CREATING A DEFENSIBLE SPACE! WHY? IT’S THE LAW!
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RESOURCE CODE, SECTION 4291

Are you prepared?
Living with wildfire in Mendocino County

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PREPARATION TIPS

HOUSEHOLD EVACUATION PLAN
1) Meet with your family and discuss the type of disasters that could occur.
2) Determine how you would transport your family and pets.
3) Designate an out of the area contact point in case you are separated.
4) Review your emergency travel routes on a map.
5) Set up practice drills with your family.

ASSEMBLE A “GO BAG”
- Bottled water
- Cash
- Clothing
- Copies of documents (Insurance policies, deeds, birth certificates, drivers license…etc)
- Dust mask and gloves
- Emergency blanket
- Evacuation plan and maps
- First aid kit
- Food, ready to eat
- Keys, extra set
- Multi-purpose tools, pocket sized
- Nonprescription medications
- Pen and paper
- Personal hygiene products
- Pet “Go Bag”
- Radio, flashlight, batteries
- Sturdy shoes
- Umbrellas, pants, caps…etc
- Whistle

ADVISORIES

EVACUATION WARNING: Residents in your community will be advised of a potential threat to life and property.

EVACUATION ORDER: This requires residents to immediately move out of an affected area due to an immediate threat.

SHELTER IN PLACE: Advises residents to stay secure at their current location.

RESCUE: Emergency actions taken within the affected area to recover and help injured or trapped citizens.

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WILDFIRE APPROACHING? IF TIME . . .
1) Locate your “Go Bag” and put the items in your vehicle.
2) Park your vehicle facing outward, carry your keys with you.
3) Locate your pets and family, stay together.
4) Cover up, wear long pants and long sleeved shirt, and walking shoes.
5) Leave your outside lights on and unlock the doors.
6) Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
7) Turn off the main valve to your gas or propane.
8) Place garden hoses and buckets of water around the house.
9) Place a ladder outside for roof access.
10) Clean out gutters and plug up the downsputs, fill them with water.
11) Move combustible/flammable furniture inside.

WHILE IN VEHICLE:
Park your car in an area clear of vegetation
Close windows and vents
Cover yourself with a jacket or blanket
Lie on the vehicle’s floor
Alert official by calling 911 from your cell phone

WHILE ON FOOT:
Go to an area clear of vegetation, if possible a ditch or depression
Lie face down and cover up
Alert official by calling 911 whenever possible

WHILE IN YOUR HOME:
Call 911 and alert authorities of your location
Fill sinks and bathtubs with cold water
Keep doors and windows closed, but not locked
Stay inside your home
Stay away from outside walls and windows

PLEASE JOIN THE MENDOCINO COUNTY FIRE SAFECYL

“If I were to join:
$30 for 1 year membership
$60 for 2 year membership
$10[]

Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Phone
Email

Please contact me by: Email

Please return form and make checks payable to: Mendocino County Fire Safe Council
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Mendocino County Fire Safe Council is a nonprofit public-benefit corporation partnering with residents, local Fire Safe Councils, road associations, and other groups working in common-sense ways to reduce the risk of loss to wild land fires.

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