

## **Protect Your Home From Wildfire**

Wildfire can strike home day or night, rain or shine and any time of year. There are some steps you can take that will help lessen the threat of wildfire to you, your house and your property.

The tips listed below are designed to help you prepare your home and lessen the threat of wildland fire damage to you, your house and your property.

- LPG (Propane) tanks should be safely away from buildings and have valves that can be easily shut off in case of fire. Keep area around the tank clear of flammable vegetation.
- Store gasoline in an approved safety can in a well ventilated structure away from occupied structures.
- All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats, stacked lumber, etc. should be kept away from structures.
- Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.
- Remove lower branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more to make it harder for grass fires to ignite them.
- In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least 3 times the fuel length around all structures (for example. If your natural grass is 2 feet tall, clear 6 feet around all structures).
- Have tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake, and a bucket or two for water.
- Place connected garden hoses at all sides of your home for emergency use.
- Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your home.
- Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your neighborhood.

### **A few things to remember during the dry, warm periods...**

- Know if there is or is not a burning ban in place for your town, city, or county.
- If you burn, clear a large area on the ground of any combustible material, such as grass, leaves, and scrap wood, burn only what you want to burn.
- Do not leave your burn pile unattended.
- Have a water hose or other water supply at the ready.