

# WILDFIRE PREVENTION

## THE HOUSE

- ✓ Use fire resistant building materials, especially the roof. Use fire resistant siding such as stucco, brick, and stone.
- ✓ Install fine gauge screen under decks and porches and over all exterior vents.
- ✓ Install a chimney screen / spark arrester.
- ✓ Keep roof and gutters clean of debris.
- ✓ Have chimney cleaned and inspected regularly.
- ✓ Remove branches hanging above or around the chimney.
- ✓ Keep fire protection tools handy: garden hose, shovel, rake, ladder, and buckets.
- ✓ Extinguish smoking materials properly.

## AROUND THE HOUSE

- ✓ Create defensible space around the house by mowing grass and weeds located within 30 ft. of your home.
- ✓ Trim trees and brush within 30 ft. of your home.
- ✓ Keep leaves raked.
- ✓ Keep trees pruned 10 ft. up from the base.
- ✓ Store firewood and other combustibles at least 30 ft. from the house.
- ✓ Store flammable liquids and solvents in metal containers away from structures and fences.
- ✓ Have address clearly marked. (At least 3 in. letters)
- ✓ While welding, be sure work area is free of grass and debris. Have a spotter and a water source handy.
- ✓ Completely wet down BBQ coals and fireplace ashes prior to disposal.

## **VEGETATION / FIRE BREAKS**

- ✓ **Maintain "Fire Breaks" of at least 50 ft. from roadways and 100 ft. from adjacent property.**
- ✓ **Keep grass less than 6 inches in height.**
- ✓ **Don't park or drive vehicles in dry grass, including farm equipment, ATV's.**

## **OUTDOOR BURNING**

- ✓ **Don't burn trash or other materials in violation of state and/or local laws, codes, and regulations.**
- ✓ **When controlled burning is allowed, never burn on windy days.**

## **FIRE SAFETY AND EVACUATION PLAN**

- ✓ **Install working smoke alarms on every level of your home.**
- ✓ **Test smoke alarms once a month and change batteries twice a year.**
- ✓ **Develop and practice a fire escape plan.**
- ✓ **Always escape by going out the closest exit, including a window, and always go away from smoke.**
- ✓ **When escaping a wildland fire, never drive through smoke or flame.**

For more information contact:

**AMARILLO FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
310 S. Van Buren St.  
Amarillo, Texas 79101  
806-378-4238

**CANYON FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
301 16<sup>th</sup> St.  
Canyon, Texas 79015  
806-655-5010

**HAPPY FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
102 N. Talley Ave.  
Happy, Texas 79042  
806-558-2121

**PALISADES FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
114 Brentwood Rd.  
Amarillo, Texas 79118  
806-622-2133

**POTTER COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
2301 E. Willowcreek Dr.  
Amarillo, Texas 79108  
806-383-3373

**RANDALL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
9451 FM 2186  
Amarillo, Texas 79119  
806-358-9959

**LAKE TANGLEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
201 N. Shore Dr.  
Amarillo, Texas 79118  
806-622-1112

**TIMBERCREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
102 S. Timbercreek Dr.  
Amarillo, Texas 79118  
806-622-3144