



Will your home survive a wildfire?

Defensible Space - the first 30 feet around your home

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YES</i> |
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| 1. Do you mow less than a 30 foot radius around your house? | 10 |
| 2. Are the woods around your home primarily evergreen, such as pine, juniper, or fir? | 20 |
| 3. Are the evergreen trees around your home dense and unthinned? | 10 |
| 4. Do the branches on the evergreen come within 6 feet of touching the ground? | 10 |
| 5. Do you burn brush piles or use a burn barrel? | 10 |
| 6. Do the branches of evergreens touch the tall grass at the edges of your woods? | 15 |
| 7. Do you have tree branches close to your chimney? | 2 |

Driveway Access and Addressing

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| 8. Is your driveway less than 12 feet wide? | 10 |
| 9. Does your driveway have less than 14 feet of overhead clearance? | 5 |
| 10. Is there inadequate room by your home for a firetruck to turn around? | 5 |
| 11. Is your driveway more than 150 feet long (1/2 football field)? | 5 |
| 12. Does your driveway surface get soft after rain or in the spring? | 5 |
| 13. Do you have a locked gate on your driveway? | 2 |
| 14. Is your house address not visible from the road, especially at night? | 2 |
| 15. Are the street signs in your area missing or not visible at night? | 2 |

Building Characteristics

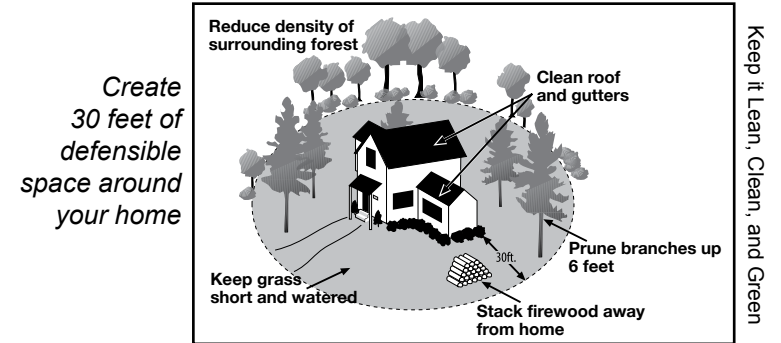
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| 16. Is your roof made of flammable materials, such as wood shakes? | 15 |
| 17. Are the vents in your roof and soffits open and unscreened? | 10 |
| 18. Are your roof and gutters cluttered with leaves and needles? | 10 |
| 19. Are your exterior walls covered with flammable material, such as wood? | 10 |
| 20. Do you have an attached deck or room that is open underneath and less than 3 feet above the ground? | 15 |
| 21. Do you have very large windows facing the woods? | 2 |
| 22. Could tree limbs touch powerlines near your house during high winds? | 2 |
| 23. Do you let brush and tall grass grow next to your liquid propane tank? | 5 |
| 24. Do you store firewood or other flammable materials within 25 feet of your home? | 20 |

Total the circled scores here:

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____



Your Home Hazard Rating. What you do around your property will help your home stand alone against wildfire and give firefighters a chance to battle the blaze. See how you rate below.

LOW

(0-14) The chances of your home surviving a wildfire are GOOD. Keep maintaining your property.

MODERATE

(15-51) The chances of your home surviving a wildfire are FAIR. Minor improvements will make it even more Firewise.

HIGH

(52-121) Chances of your home surviving a wildfire are NOT GOOD. Many improvements are necessary to improve your home's survivability.

EXTREME

(122-202) Your home MAY NOT SURVIVE if a wildfire passes through your property. Take a serious look around your home and schedule improvements.

To request a Firewise Homeowner's Packet, call the DNR at 1-888-646-6367 or your local Forester or visit our websites at www.mndnr.gov/firewise or www.firewise.org

Have you checked the battery in your smoke detector lately?

YES

NO