



LEBANON FIRE DEPARTMENT **WILDFIRE HOMEOWNERS CHECKLIST**

Residents, who prepare their homes and property to withstand the effects of wildfire before the fire season, increase the chance that their investment is not lost or damaged. Homeowners may utilize this checklist to evaluate the level of exposure and potential threat of a wildfire to their home and property.

Below each area of evaluation is a recommendation for corrective action which may increase the survivability of your home and property. For further information and additional recommendations please visit www.firewise.org

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR ADDRESS IS CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE ROADWAY IN BOTH DIRECTIONS OF TRAVEL!

YES NO

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| _____ | _____ | 1. Are trees, brush, or other high vegetation within 30 feet of your home or other structures?
<i>Thin and space such vegetation, remove dead leaves, prune shrubs and tree limbs.</i> |
| _____ | _____ | 2. Are pine trees or highly combustible material such as dead trees within 70feet of your home?
<i>Remove pine needles, dead trees, and other debris from the area.</i> |
| _____ | _____ | 3. Is firewood stacked within 30 feet of your home or other structures?
<i>Stack firewood only on non-combustible surfaces such as concrete and dirt and as far away from structures as possible. Keep wood covered to protect it from flying embers.</i> |
| _____ | _____ | 4. Is your chimney missing its spark-arresting screen?
<i>Replace screen and ensure chimney is clean.</i> |
| _____ | _____ | 5. Are there openings in your crawl space and gable vents?
<i>Install metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8" to prevent sparks entering the structure.</i> |
| _____ | _____ | 6. Are there leaves, pine needles, branches, or other yard debris on your roof or in the gutters?
<i>Remove all debris from the roof and gutters.</i> |
| _____ | _____ | 7. Do you utilize open burning with or without a burn barrel?
<i>Refrain from outside open burning.</i> |
| _____ | _____ | 8. Is your driveway less than 12 feet wide and/or have a vertical clearance less than 14 feet?
<i>Widen driveway and remove trees limbs as needed to reach recommended minimums.</i> |
| _____ | _____ | 9. Does your home or other structures on your property have a wood shingle roof?
<i>Maintain a clean roof and consider treating it with fire retardant materials.</i> |
| _____ | _____ | 10. Is the deck attached to your home open underneath?
<i>Install lattice or other fencing material to stop leaves and other debris from collecting under your deck.</i> |
| _____ | _____ | 11. Are there tree limbs within 10 feet of your home or other structures?
<i>Trim trees to keep limbs at least 10 feet from structures and other trees.</i> |
| _____ | _____ | 12. Is a garden hose available but left unattached to your outside faucet?
<i>Keep a garden hose connected to an outside faucet at all times during fire season.</i> |
| _____ | _____ | 13. Are there combustible materials within 5 feet of your home and other property?
<i>Create a non-combustible zone using rock or other non-flammable material.</i> |
| _____ | _____ | 14. Is there grass taller than four inches within 30 - 70 feet of your home?
<i>Maintain a well mowed and green yard with a defensible area near the home.</i> |

If you answered YES to any question above you should take immediate action to correct the issue. Your property will not ever be completely safe, but following these steps will help greatly.