



PREPERATION *is key to prevention*

DO WHAT YOU CAN TO PREVENT FIRES BUT
MAKE SURE YOU'RE READY IF FIRE STRIKES

<p>Remove all dry brush around your home. Trim low hanging tree limbs. If a fire spreads, it's going to "climb" the shrubs to the trees like a ladder and spread quickly from tree to tree.</p>	<p>Get to know your fire department and ask them to visit your community. Talk to a fire prevention specialist for your individual property and neighbors and see what you can do to keep your community safe.</p>	<p>Install smoke alarms and remember to check and replace batteries as needed (a good rule of thumb is to check twice per year, when you set your clocks forward and back.)</p>
<p>Hold family fire drills at least twice per year. If you have young or elderly people in your home or community, assign someone to help them.</p>	<p>Replace frayed or broken electrical cords.</p> <p>Keep your yard tidy and free of debris.</p>	<p>Do not overload electrical circuits. Pay special attention to space heaters that pull in an enormous amount of electricity while running.</p>
<p>Make sure at least one window in every bedroom/living room can be used for escape in case of a fire.</p>	<p>Check and clean dryer vents.</p>	<p>Keep all matches and lighters out of reach of children. Do not store flammable liquids inside your home.</p>

RESOURCES

[AARP](#)

[Clayton Homes](#)

[Washington Dept. of Natural Resources](#)

[National Fire Protection Association](#)

[New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands](#)

[Homeland Security](#)

[Know Your Forest](#)

[CAL FIRE](#)

[Oregon Dept. of Forestry](#)



[American Red Cross](#)

[National Fire Fighter Corp.](#)

[Colorado State Forest Service](#)

[Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry](#)

[Massachusetts Dept. of Fire Services](#)