

Conducting A



Home Risk Evaluation



Will your home survive a wildfire?

Defensible Space - The first 30 feet around your home

Circle if YES

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5. Do you burn brush piles or use a burn barrel? 10
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7. Do you have tree branches close to your chimney? 2

Driveway Access and Addressing

8. Is your driveway less than 12 feet wide? 10

Building Characteristics

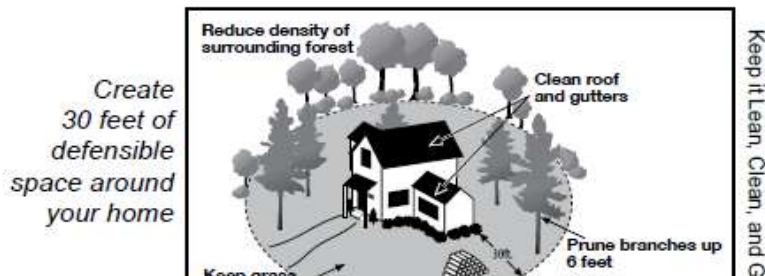
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20. Do you store firewood or other flammable materials within 25 feet of your home? 20

Total the circled scores here:

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____



3 Major Factors You Will Be Considering

to battle the blaze. See how you fare 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.

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Have you checked the battery in your smoke detector lately?

YES

NO

Fill In The Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: 12345 Forest Road

Firewise City, MN 55555

E-Mail: someone@somewhere.com

Optional: if the homeowner wants more information from the local Forestry office or Fire Dept., they can send a copy of the form in with a request for further assistance.

Greeting The Homeowner



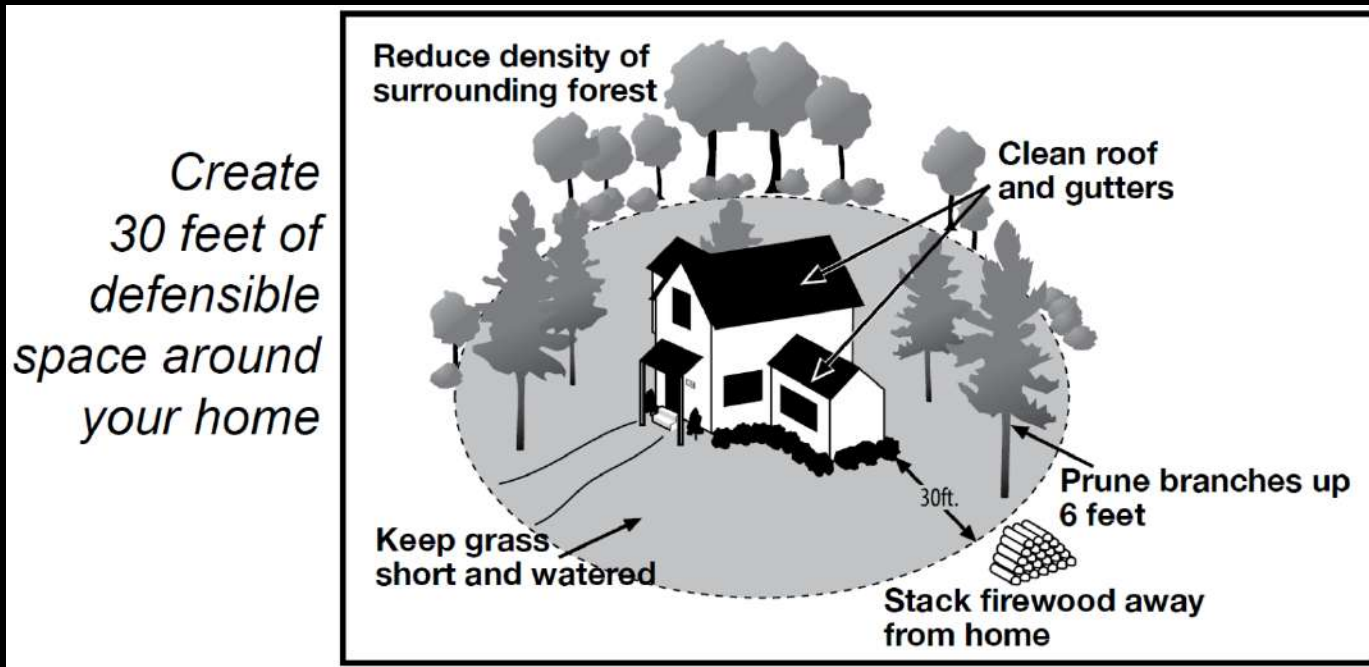
1. Introduce yourself and explain about the Evaluation.
2. Ask permission to assess the home site and invite homeowner to join you.
3. Fill out form.
4. Leave form and literature bag with the plan.

If The Homeowner Says No or Is Not Home



1. If the homeowner says no, thank them and leave the information in the packet with the Stewardship Plan. If the homeowner is not home, do assessment from the street. Leave the form, literature bag and special note that states the assessment was completed from the street with the completed plan package.

When completing the survey, concentrate on the area within 30 feet of buildings.



Fill Defensible Space Information

If the factor is present, circle the score.

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1. 30' of mowed lawn...

1. Do you mow less than a 30 foot radius around your house?

10



2. What are the dominant trees?

2. Are the woods around your home primarily evergreen, such as pine, juniper, or fir?

20

This home has evergreens within 30 feet of the house.



3. If there are evergreens present, are their crowns touching?



YES

NO

3. Are the evergreen trees around your home dense and unthinned?

10

4. Are there ladder fuels present?

4. Do the branches on the evergreen come within 6 feet of touching the ground?

10

Here ground
vegetation
touches the
lower
branches of
the trees.



5. Is there outdoor burning practiced on the property?

5. Do you burn brush piles or use a burn barrel?

10

Look for burning barrels, fire pits or other signs of burning.



6. Tall grass ... or heavy shrubs

6. Do the branches of evergreens touch the tall grass at the edges of your woods?

15



Fill Access Information

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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 |
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8 and 9. Is the driveway too narrow or clearance too low for emergency vehicles?



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5

10 & 11. Is the driveway over 150 feet long, and if so, does it have an adequate turnaround?

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5

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5



12. Is the driveway rutted?

12. Does your driveway surface get soft after rain or in the spring?

5



13. Is the driveway gated?



14. Is the address visible from the road?



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2

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15. Look for street signs.



15. Are the street signs in your area missing or not visible at night?

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Building Characteristics

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Rate the most vulnerable structure
or part of the main structure
within the 30 foot defensible space.

16. Does the building have a wood roof?

16. Is your roof made of flammable materials, such as wood shakes?

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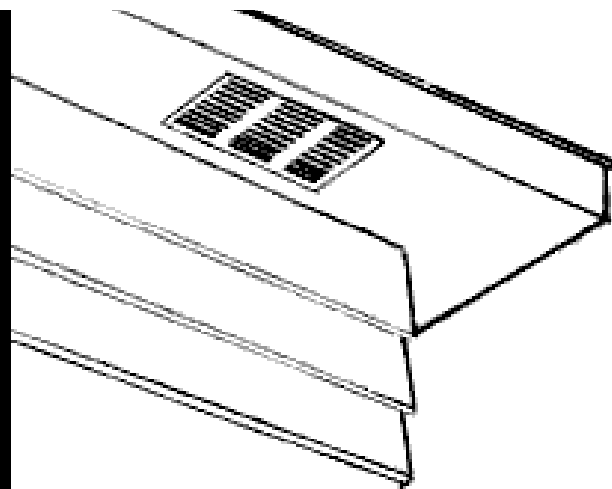
17. Are the vents in the soffits enclosed?

Remember to look at outbuildings too.



17. Are the vents in your roof and soffits open and unscreened?

10



18. Are the roof and gutters clean?

18. Are your roof and gutters cluttered with leaves and needles?

10



19. Does the home have vinyl or wood siding?

19. Are your exterior walls covered with flammable material, such as wood?

10



20. Is there is an unskirted wood deck attached to a wood or vinyl sided building?

20. Do you have an attached deck or room that is open underneath and less than 3 feet above the ground?

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21. Are there any picture windows?

21. Do you have very large windows facing the woods?

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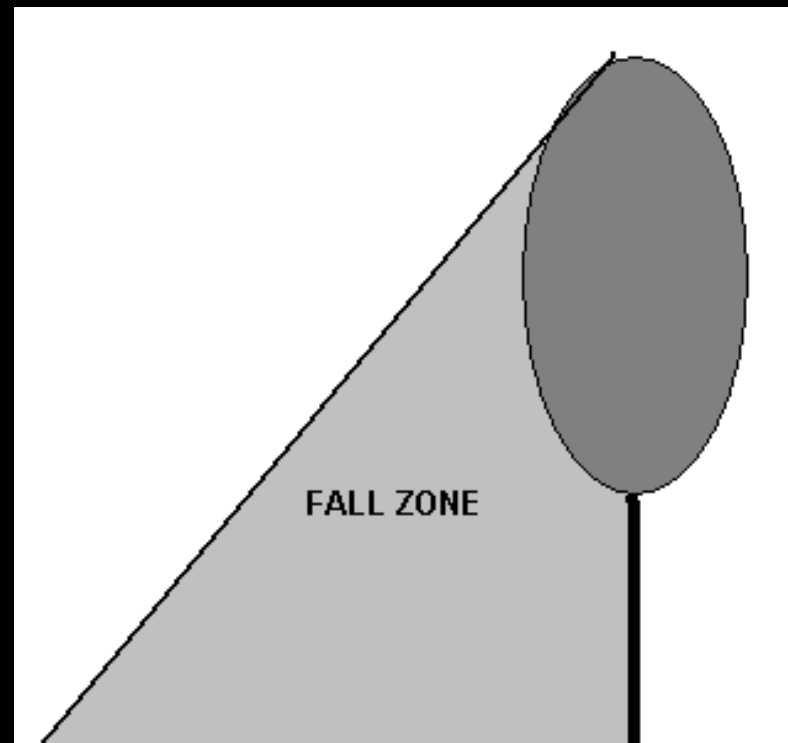


22. Are there power lines on the property that are within the “fall zone” of trees?

22. Could tree limbs touch powerlines near your house during high winds?

2

Could they hamper a fire truck's access to the back of the home?



23. Is the propane tank clear?

23. Do you let brush and tall grass grow next to your liquid propane tank?

5



24. Is firewood stored near the home?

24. Do you store firewood or other flammable materials within 25 feet of your home?

20



Circle if YES

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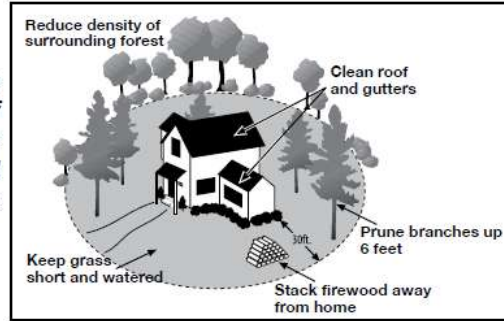
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Create
30 feet of
defensible
space around
your home



Keep it Lean, Clean, and Green

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YES

NO

Calculate The Risk

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Leave With The Homeowner and give add'l contact info if requested.



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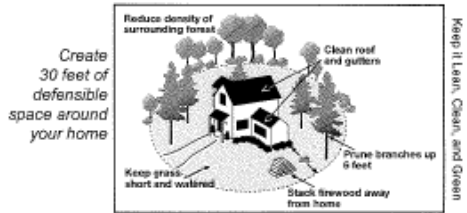
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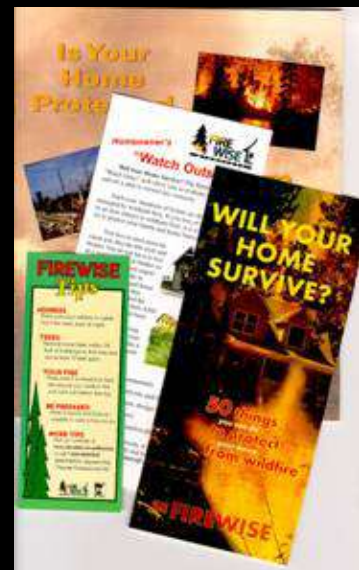
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Questions?