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TIP OF THE WEEK

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FIRE SAFETY

We know that fires frequently occur, but no one seems to think they will be the victim of a fire. However, hundreds of people are victimized by fire every year in this country. There are some precautions we can all take to reduce the risk of our becoming the victim of a fire. Use the following tips to help keep you and your family safe especially during the hot, dry season.

Protect your home from wildfire

- Create a 30-foot non-combustible defensible space around your home. Stack firewood away from the home.
- Trim branches along driveways so that they are 14 feet off the ground, 14 feet from other surfaces and 10 feet from the roof and power lines.
- Use non-combustible roofing materials. Keep gutters and foundation screen vents free from debris.
- Keep yards watered and mowed (being mindful of possible drought conditions). Plant low-growing, less-flammable plants near homes.
- Post your address in a location that is visible from all directions for at least 150 feet.

Campfires

- Call before you go – Call your local forestry office or fire district to learn if there are any current campfire restrictions.
- Select the right spot – Choose campgrounds with established fire pits. If campfires are allowed outside campgrounds, avoid areas near your tent, structures, vehicles, shrubs and trees. Be aware of low-hanging branches overhead. Clear the site down to mineral soil, at least five feet on all sides, and circle your campfire site with rocks.
- Keep your campfire small.
- **NEVER** use gasoline.
- Always have a shovel and a bucket of water nearby to extinguish any escaped embers.
- When you leave, drown all embers with water, stir the coals and drown again until it is **DEAD OUT**.

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