

SACRAMENTO COUNTY NEWS

High temperatures and low humidity increase the likelihood of vegetation fires in our region. These tips can aid in preventing a small grass fire from growing to a much larger incident.

- Mowing grass, weed eating and other yard maintenance equipment should be done with caution.
- Dispose of smoking materials properly
- Refrain from parking vehicles on the dry grass

Roof

- Clean all dead leaves and needles from your roof and gutters
- Remove dead branches within 10 feet of your chimney

Landscape

- Create a “defensible space” by removing all flammable vegetation at least 30 feet from all structures although 100 feet is optimum
- Choose landscaping plants that are fire resistive
- Maintain all plants by routinely removing dead branches leaves and needles

Yard

- Remove all stacks of construction materials, pine needles, leaves and other debris from your yard
- Contact your local fire department to see if open burning is allowed; if so, obtain a burning permit

Access

- Identify at least two exit routes from your neighborhood
- Clear flammable vegetation at least 10 feet from roads and 5 feet from driveways
- Make sure that your street is named or numbered, and a sign is visibly posted at each street intersection
- Post your house address at the beginning of your driveway, or on your house if it is easily visible from the road

Find more information at www.metrofire.ca.gov