

<p>Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors</p> <p>CHECK ALL DETECTORS MONTHLY. CHANGE BATTERIES JAN./JULY</p>	 <p>Don't Take Chances!</p>	<p>Things to do After a Winter Power Outage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Check your food supplies.  Look for broken or damaged piping.  Assess your hot-water heater.  Replenish your emergency supplies. 	 <p>CHECK OUT OUR NEW FIREWISE CALENDAR</p>
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SUN MOUNTAIN RANCH CLUB

FIREWISE NEWSLETTER



We have something new to introduce to you this month!




Your Firewise Committee has created a calendar with suggested Firewise and safety activities for each month of the year. This is something you can print and add your own ideas to! Click the link here to view the full calendar and print your copy:

<http://www.sunmountainranchclub.org/new-more-firewise>



SMRC Firewise Calendar



JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p>Plan the coming year's Firewise activities you'd like to accomplish. Test smoke/carbon dioxide detectors monthly. Change smoke detector/CO2 batteries.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> 	<p>Prepare list of contents for emergency evacuation "go bag." Check with your insurance company for possible Firewise discount.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px 20px; display: inline-block; font-weight: bold;">Sample</div> </div> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Order blue reflective address sign from Fire Dept. Prune back bitterbrush but consider leaving some for wildlife.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div>

Safe Winter Driving

Here are some tips for safe winter driving:

- Avoid using cruise control.
- Always wear your seat belt and slow down! Increase following distance.
- Drive with your headlights on.
- Avoid unnecessary lane changes. Be patient.

For more information visit:

<http://www.wsp.wa.gov/traveler/docs/equipmt/wintwise.pdf>

Winter Storm Safety

For winter storm safety tips visit:

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm.html>

Power Outage Safety

Power outages can occur any time of year. It's a good idea to be prepared for outages and to have a plan in the event one occurs. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Have a go bag and be prepared to evacuate if necessary.
- Have 2 weeks of food on hand in case stores are closed.
- Have a battery operated radio for public service alerts.
- Plan ahead for how you will stay warm/stay cool. How will you cook? Get water? Use the toilet? Operate medical equipment? Communicate with others? Have a plan for when and where to evacuate if necessary.
- Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning - don't use outdoor stoves or gas or charcoal BBQs indoors. If you feel sick, dizzy or weak get fresh air asap. Carbon monoxide is odorless and can kill.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/power-outage.html>

Always wear your safety belt and stay extra cautious!

Winter Weather Driving Safety Tips

- Anticipate reduced visibility and watch for black ice when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges, and curves.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.
- Never run a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Allow enough time for travel and advise others of travel itineraries.
- Always wear a safety belt and keep a charged cell phone handy.
- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- Avoid unnecessary and sudden lane changes.
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Avoid abrupt steering and braking and avoid tailgating by keeping a safe distance between vehicles.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated and keep your gas tank at least half full.

POWER OUTAGE SAFETY

- PLAN AHEAD** Be ready with necessary supplies. This includes: cell phone, flashlight, weather radio, and warm blankets & clothing.
- STAY SAFE** Stay safe while the power is out! Use generators outdoors and away from windows. Disconnect appliances and electronics. Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. Do not use a gas stove to heat your home. Use hot water sparingly.
- REPORT** Report the outage. Check on neighbors and stay away from downed power lines.

Unplug appliances and electronics to avoid damage from power surges.

If using a generator, keep it outdoors in a well ventilated area away from windows.

Have extra batteries.