



SMRC Firewise Calendar



JANUARY

Plan the coming year's Firewise activities you'd like to accomplish.
Test smoke/carbon dioxide detectors monthly.
 Change smoke detector/CO2 batteries.



FEBRUARY

Prepare list of contents for emergency evacuation "go bag."
Check with your insurance company for possible Firewise discount.



MARCH

Order blue reflective address sign from Fire Dept.
Prune back bitterbrush but consider leaving some for wildlife.



APRIL

Get home assessment from Okanogan Conservation District, DNR or OCFD6.
Attach 100' hose.
 Prune limbs up at least 10'.
Remove ladder fuels from under trees.



MAY

Pack "go bag" and keep in handy location.
Have propane tank moved so it doesn't vent under eaves or trees.
 Pull and bag invasive weeds and take to landfill.
Work on clearing first 5 feet from structures of all flammable material, plants, etc.



JUNE

Keep lawn and plants well watered.
Enclose vents and open areas under decks with 1/8" mesh.
 Clean roof of any needles, leaves.
Rake needles/cones/branches, participate in SMRC yard waste events.



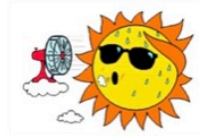
JULY

Keep lawns and plants well watered.
Change smoke/CO2 detector batteries.



AUGUST

Keep lawns and plants well watered.
Consider replacing railroad ties and log borders with stone or brick.



SEPTEMBER

Replace flammable plants with fire-resistant varieties when weather cools.
Pull and bag invasive weeds and take to landfill.



OCTOBER

Install spark arrestor in chimney.
Have chimney cleaned annually.
Move wood piles at least 30' away from structures.



NOVEMBER

Consider replacing burning candles with battery operated.
Load vehicles with winter driving necessities.



DECEMBER

Inspect strings of holiday lights for wear.
Develop evacuation plan from home and development.
Develop communication plan for how to reach others if phones/cell phones aren't working.



