



Home Fire Hazard Inspection Check List

Homes and Structures in Wildland Areas

Owner: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Complex/Development Security Phone #: _____ Evaluated by: _____

ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE	YES	NO
1. Roadway approaches property from two directions?	☐	☐
2. Roadway minimum width of 20 ft?	☐	☐
3. Dead-end roads no longer than 1200' and/or end in cul-de-sac with minimum 45' radius turnaround?	☐	☐
4. Is the roadway grade to the home steeper than fire apparatus can climb?	☐	☐
5. Does the primary driveway have an all weather surface?	☐	☐
6. Will the bridges and culverts support a gross vehicle weight of 20,000 lbs?	☐	☐
7. Is the name of the local road posted at intersections and can house numbers be seen at driveway entrance?	☐	☐
8. Can responding apparatus turn from the major roadways into the driveway?	☐	☐
9. Are road marker signs present?	☐	☐
10. Do you know how to contact the Fire Department for emergency response?	☐	☐
11. Does any local Security service and/or the Fire Department know if the home is occupied?	☐	☐
12. Are there accessible, easily identified water sources?	☐	☐

VEGETATIVE MANIPULATIONS	YES	NO
A fire hazard defensible space, 30ft fuel break, should be provided around structures by the selective removal or thinning of trees, brush, shrubs, ground cover, and all dead plant material.	☐	☐
1. Foundation plantings non-resinous and well watered?	☐	☐
2. Is flammable mulch used to help fertilize plants next to the house?	☐	☐
3. Are there climbing vines or shrubbery next to the house?	☐	☐
4. Do you keep leaves, litter, etc. raked out of the yard?	☐	☐
5. Is the grass cut to a maximum of 3" in height?	☐	☐
6. Is all dried grass and dead ground cover cleared?	☐	☐

STRUCTURAL HAZARDS	YES	NO
1. No accumulations of leaves and needles in valleys or gutters?	☐	☐
2. No trees overhanging roof of structures?	☐	☐
3. No flat-topped roofs in areas where vegetation is higher than roof?	☐	☐
4. No tree branches within 10' of chimney?	☐	☐



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STRUCTURAL HAZARDS (continued)	YES	NO
5. Chimney and stovepipe screened with wire mesh spark arresters (no larger than ½").	☐	☐
6. Chimneys extend above rooflines?	☐	☐
7. Roof and exterior constructed of fire resistant or non-combustible material? (If not, treated?)	☐	☐
8. All projections (balconies, decks, patios) enclosed or constructed with fire resistant materials?	☐	☐
9. Soffits, roof overhangs 24" or less?	☐	☐
10. No large window area exposed to potential fire heat?	☐	☐
11. Windows have double-pane glass?	☐	☐
12. Are outbuildings constructed of combustible material?	☐	☐
13. Are large amounts of combustible or flammable materials stored in the outbuildings?	☐	☐
14. Openings in soffits and foundations screened with metal mesh? (max ¼" and 144 sq. total area)	☐	☐
15. Firewood stacked minimum of 50' from structure and never downhill from the structure?	☐	☐
16. Is outdoor grill area cleared to mineral soil for 5' in all directions and gas connections checked yearly?	☐	☐
17. Does the home have at least two ground level entry/exit doors?	☐	☐
18. Do rooms facing the greatest fire danger path have exits on the opposite side of the room	☐	☐

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS	YES	NO
1. Is there natural cover fire hazards and fire weather?	☐	☐
2. Is there any fire-fighting equipment on hand? (at least 50' of hose with nozzles on 2 sides of home)	☐	☐
3. Is the phone number for Scottsdale Fire Dept. posted?	☐	☐
4. Are there children in the home? Are they trained how to report a wildland fire/emergency?	☐	☐
5. Are the electrical transformers clear of brush?	☐	☐
6. Are telephone lines clear of potential fire damage?	☐	☐
7. Are ashes disposed of correctly in a non-combustible container?	☐	☐
8. Has debris been burned in an open area?	☐	☐
9. Is the owner/occupant aware of the Scottsdale Fire Ordinance that restricts all open burning?	☐	☐
10. Is the home occupied when the local wildland danger is high?	☐	☐
11. Are there planned escape routes should fire threaten?	☐	☐
12. Could the resident escape to a safer area should there be a large wildland fire in the area?	☐	☐

How well did this particular residence fare with the Scottsdale Fire Department 's Wildfire Evaluation?

Property Needs Major Attention Property Needs Minor Attention Property Has Been Maintained