



Fire Department

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Dear City of Scottsdale HOA president or representative,

City staff members and the Scottsdale Fire Department appreciate your assistance helping to get this important information out to your neighbors and encouraging them to do their part helping us to protect their homes.

Every year, the high Sonoran Desert areas of our community provide us with a real potential for a significant wildfire. The welcome winter and spring rains bring with them the potential for significant vegetation growth. Because we are still a desert area, all this new growth and lush vegetation will dry out in the hot summer sun and create additional fuels for a fire. We need everyone's assistance to help in minimizing our community's risk with these types of incidents.

Before the weather gets too hot and the lush vegetation dries out once again, please take the opportunity to protect your property from a brush fire. Below are some brief guidelines that you're welcome to use in your newsletters. More specific guidelines for homes in NAOS areas and an invasive plant brochure have been developed. Copies of those handouts are also included.

The Fire Department needs your help and recommends for Scottsdale residents to:

- Create a 30' foot defensible safety zone around individual homes and properties by removing dry and dead vegetation around your home.
- Trim your trees and remove any dead branches or leaves, especially near structures.
- Do not keep flammable items or foliage underneath wooden decks and overhangs.
- Keep eaves, gutters, and roofs clear of leaves and combustible debris.

Get more wildland safety tips on the Fire Department web site at: www.ScottsdaleFD.com. Or, you can request additional brochures and/or schedule a free wildland safety inspection by calling the Scottsdale Fire Department at 480-312-FIRE (3473). We will also be happy to meet with your individual board, landscapers or speak at one of your general association meetings.

Thanks for your help! Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions.

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