

FIRE WEATHER



Unfortunately, fire season is here and brush fires have started. While winds have picked up, the heat and the single digit humidity are already here. Preparation is the only thing that can help you.

Here are 9 ways to help prepare you and your family in case of fire:

1. Check your smoke alarms - Make sure you have an alarm on each floor of your home and located in each bedroom. Check batteries regularly and replace batteries every year.
2. Register your mobile phones with an alert system - You will receive a call in the event of an emergency in your area and be given instructions as to what you should do. Many of us received calls a few years ago and were told when to evacuate and where to go.
3. Have fire extinguishers - Make sure to have a fire extinguisher. Check frequently to make sure they have not expired. Know how to operate them.
4. Have an escape route for your family - Every family should have an emergency plan and escape route with clear instructions. Have a meeting place in case all family members are not home.
5. Install an interior sprinkler system - The newer systems can sense where the fire is and only come on in that particular room.
6. Create a 100 foot defensible space around your home - This is especially true if you live next to open space, canyons, etc.
7. Plant fire resistant plants by your home - Try iceplant which has a high moisture content or any other plants that hold moisture.
8. Keep flammables away from your home - Store wood away from your home as well as gasoline tanks, propane tanks, gas barbecue grills, etc.
9. Clean your roof and gutters - Make sure debris is not sitting on your roof and gutters because it makes great fire starters for any embers that may fall on them.

Most of all, remember, things can be replaced, YOU CAN'T! Get Out and Get Your Family Out Safely! The rest is just STUFF!

VIOLATIONS GARAGE DOORS & WOODEN TRIM

The Board of Directors would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to all of the residents that have responded and addressed the various issues in the recent walk-through letters that have been mailed out. Your hard work is **APPRECIATED**, thank you for doing your part in keeping Hidden Trails HOA a beautiful community to live in.

At the June 2014 property inspection we noticed a lot of garage doors and wooden trim are in need of cleaning and/or painting. Some of ten (10) year old coloring has faded or is becoming blotchy. The Board would like to encourage all of you to take five (5) minutes to look at your garage doors and wooden trim. (As a reminder, you cannot change the paint color without first obtaining approval from the DRC.)