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### A DISASTER PLAN

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FIRE-RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION

To create your firewise structure, use non-flammable construction materials to reduce vulnerability to flames and blowing embers.

- Use fire-resistant roof construction materials, such as Class A asphalt shingles, metal, tile, and concrete products.
- Construct a fire resistant sub-roof for added protection.
- Keep your gutters, eaves, and roof clear of leaves and other debris.

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SURVIVABLE SPACE

Maintain a LEAN, CLEAN, and GREEN safety zone of wildfire defense 30 feet around your home.

- Reduce the wildfire threat to your home by managing flammable vegetation.
- Prune shrubs and cut back embushes, especially within 15 feet of your chimney.
- Keep trees and shrubs pruned. Prune trees 6 to 10 feet from the ground while keeping live tree canopy around 1/2 of the total height of the tree.
- Remove all dead plant material from around your home; this includes dead leaves, dry vegetation, and even stacked firewood.
- Take out “ladder fuels,” vegetation between grass and tree limbs. These fuels can carry fire between foliage and structures.
- Maintain your lawn. If brown, mow to 2 inches high. Mow dry grass and weeds.
- Remove dead or dying plant material. Dispose of cuttings and debris by recycling.
- Remove flammable plants like ornamental junipers that contain resins, oils, or waxes; and that collect dead needles or leaves within the plant.
- Keep potentially flammable, dry mulch and landscaping well away from structures. Use a 3 foot wide swath of crushed rock, gravel, or other non-combustible materials around structures.
- Plant the fire-resistant vegetation that is healthy and green throughout the year.
- Space the trees and shrubs you plant in small groupings or individually and leave enough room between them to reduce the spread of fire.
- Use native plants; they are adapted to our area, usually remain healthy, and are often more fire resistant.

For more information see our native plant guide at http://green.kingcounty.gov/gonative