

RADIO ROUNDUP

a collection of features, oddities,
and helpful tips



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PROTECTING PROPERTY FROM WILDFIRES

LEARNING ABOUT THE DANGERS OF WILDFIRES CAN HELP SAVE YOUR HOME AND THOSE YOU LOVE. ACCORDING TO EXPERTS, WILDFIRES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE BURNING HOTTER AND FASTER THAN EVER BEFORE. AFTER A SEVERE FIRE SEASON IN WHICH FOURTEEN HUNDRED HOMES BURNED, THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION CREATED THE FIREWISE PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM OFFERS SIMPLE WAYS COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT THEIR PROPERTIES FROM BECOMING FUEL FOR A WILDFIRE. RESIDENTS CAN REDUCE THE RISK OF THEIR HOME'S IGNITION BY SIMPLY MODIFYING THEIR HOMES AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS. FOR EXAMPLE, CLEARING A SPACE AROUND THE HOME CAN REDUCE WILDFIRE THREAT. REDUCE SURROUNDING VEGETATION AND PRUNE LARGE TREES. EVEN SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS CLEANING GUTTERS AND EAVES OF LEAVES AND DEBRIS CAN PREVENT AN EMBER FROM IGNITING A HOME. WHEN POSSIBLE, CHOOSE HEAT- AND FLAME-RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR HOMES, DECKS, PORCHES AND FENCES. THE MOST PROTECTIVE ROOFING MATERIALS WILL BE RATED CLASS-A, INCLUDING ASPHALT SHINGLES AND METAL, CEMENT AND CONCRETE PRODUCTS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT FIRE-WISE--DOT--ORG.