

Douglass Ranch Extinguisher

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Hello Neighbors! In a continued effort to keep each household safe and informed regarding wildfire the Firewise Committee has developed a newsletter which will come out throughout the year. We would like to encourage open communication to address and promote education as well as concerns.

For our debut, we felt an appropriate topic would be creating and having an evacuation plan for a natural disaster.

Do you have a plan? Thankfully in the Firewise Handbook there is an extremely informative section covering just this topic. To get everyone started, here is information to get the process in motion.

Creating an Evacuation Plan

- Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire or hazard area. This is critical to determine who has safely evacuated from the affected area.
- Identify different escape routes from your home and community. Practice these so everyone in your household are familiar with them.
- Have an evacuation plan for your pets.
- Establish a family communication plan. Designate a person out of area as a contact that can be the communicator between family members.

Now keep in mind, this is just the starting point. There are other areas that should be covered in each family's plan...Emergency Supply Kits, Evacuation Needs for Pets, Inside and Outside House Checklist. We cannot stress enough to refer to the Firewise Handbook for guidance. Also know that the Firewise Committee is here to assist everyone. Let's all be safe!

Thanks, Your Firewise Committee

Stayed tuned for next issue... Smoke Detector 101!