

**June Tip of the
Month**

Wildfires

Forecasters are telling us to expect a drier-than-normal summer. Several wildfires are already burning in various parts of the country. Last year, wildfires burned thousands of acres of land in Washington.

Now is the time to take actions to protect your family and property.



- ❖ Keep your lawn well-watered and mowed short (3 in. or less). A short green lawn will not carry fire.
- ❖ Rule of Thumb: Clear a 10-foot space around your propane tank to keep fire away.
- ❖ Trees and vegetation should be cut back from the home's perimeter and yard waste removed.
- ❖ Keep your gutters and roof clean and free of leaf and needle debris.
- ❖ Firewood piled by the house can easily catch fire from flying embers. Consider moving it.
- ❖ Use rock, stone or other fire resistant materials for landscaping/fencing near your home.
- ❖ Develop a plan of action for your family, pets, or livestock. Know two ways out of your neighborhood if evacuation is necessary.

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