

**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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