



Prepare for Wildfires

Last month's Scripps Ranch Fire Safe Council (SRFSC) Newsletter article stated: "Seventy percent of the homes lost in the Witch Creek Fire were ignited by flying embers." We encouraged homeowners to be proactive in ember-proofing their property.

Wildfires will rage in California in the next six months. We can do nothing to stop the high winds, heat, and low humidity. What we can do is protect our selves and our homes by removing adjacent wildfire fuel: dry grass and weeds; ground fuel within dense woodland areas; dry brush; and, wood piles.

This work needs to be done soon, before the moisture is gone from the open spaces. Then we need to prepare in case a wildfire approaches our community and we are ordered to evacuate.

FEMA has developed the most comprehensive guidance yet to help homeowners be ready for wildfires and other emergencies. It is easy to download. If you have a computer, go to Google. Search "FEMA," scroll down the page to "Are You Ready." Go to that website and scroll down until you see "Full Document (PDF 21MB)" and click on "PDF." If you have questions, contact the SR Fire Safe Council at 945-6303.