



DPR Dispatch

Parks Make Life Better!

Fire Prevention

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PAST EVENTS OF WIDE-SPREAD FIRE DESTRUCTION HAVE TAUGHT US MUCH ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING AND AFTER A WIDE-SPREAD FIRE DISASTER.

Being personally prepared to prevent fires can reduce fear, anxiety, loss, injury and death. Fire safety and survival begin with everyone always being prepared.

Camper/RV Fire Safety --

- Be sure you have a battery powered smoke detector inside your camper or trailer.
- Use only electrically operated lights in trailers.
- Keep cooking and heating equipment in safe operating condition. Inspect before each outing.
- Check and maintain gas connections and fume vents.
- Keep combustibles away from cooking and heating equipment.
- Have a fire extinguisher available at all times. Keep it by the camper/trailer exit door.
- Develop a fire escape plan with your family.
- Extinguish all smoking materials before going to bed, and soak with water.

Inside the home--

- Make a fire escape plan for your family. Find two exits out of every room. Pick a meeting place outside.
- Practice makes perfect – hold a family fire drill at least twice each year.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home. There are two kinds of smoke alarms photoelectric and ionization. If possible, get some of each kind or buy "combination" smoke alarms that have both types of sensors. Put them inside or near every bedroom. Test them monthly to make sure they work. Put in new batteries once a year.
- Know how to put out a small pan fire by sliding a lid over the flames.
- Teach every family member to "Stop, Drop, Roll and Cool" if clothes catch fire by dropping immediately to the ground, crossing hands over your chest and rolling over and over or back and forth to put out the flames. Cool the burned area with cool water and seek medical attention for serious burns.
- Consider having a home fire sprinkler system installed in your new home, or when you remodel.
- Learn how and when to use a fire extinguisher.



Always remember....in case of an actual or suspected fire, get everyone to safety before calling for help or attempting to extinguish the flames. Fires spread very fast!