



SUMMER CHECKLIST

Summer: This time of year is way too hot for climbing around on your roof and doing more strenuous fire-safety preparation. But there's still plenty you can do.

- Be faithful about watering as often as drought requirements allow; don't let plantings dry out.
- Clear 10 feet of defensible space on both sides of entrance roads and driveways.
- Clothes dryer lint can turn your home into a fire source; clean your lint traps with each load and invest in a full clean-out of your dryer vent.
- Mow your grass in cool, early mornings before it gets too hot. Metal blades can cause a fire if they throw sparks when hitting rocks.
- Once you're done mowing, let your lawn mower cool for 30 minutes before putting it in your garage or shed.
- Make sure garage windows and vents are as fire-safe as those on your house.
- Check that the weather stripping around and under the garage door is in good condition to keep embers out.
- Be vigilant about maintaining distance between growing plants, shrubs, grass, and tree branches to prevent the spread of embers and fire.
- Review and practice your home evacuation plan.
- Do you use a propane grill? Clean it, check all your gas connections, and make sure the grill isn't inside your 5-foot fire-resistant zone.