

Wildfire season is upon us and given the drought and high heat this year, it is likely to be a bad one. Please review the information on preparedness on the DBR website under Safety Committee and keep the following information handy in case of fires in our area.

Things to do and a checklist to remember if a wildfire approaches:

- ☐ Tune into a local radio station and listen for instructions. Sequim stations are 104.9 and 91.5.
- ☐ Have your fire extinguishers ready.
- ☐ Shut off propane at the tank.
- ☐ Wear only cotton or wool clothes. Proper attire includes long pants, long sleeved shirt or jacket, and boots. Carry gloves, a mask to cover face, water to drink, and goggles.
- ☐ Close all exterior vents.
- ☐ Prop a ladder against the house so firefighters have easy access to the roof.
- ☐ Make sure that all garden hoses are connected to faucets and attach a nozzle set on "spray."
- ☐ Soak rags, towels, or small rugs with water to use in beating out embers or small fires.
- ☐ Inside, fill bathtubs, sinks, and other containers with water. Outside, do the same with garbage cans and buckets. Remember that the water heater and toilet tank are available sources of water.
- ☐ Close all exterior doors and windows.
- ☐ Close all interior doors. If a fire should occur within the house, contact the fire department immediately.
- ☐ Leave a light on in each room.
- ☐ Remove lightweight and/or non-fire-resistant curtains and other combustible materials from around windows.
- ☐ Close fire-resistant drapes, shutters, or venetian blinds
- ☐ Turn off all pilot lights.
- ☐ Remove lawn furniture, rugs and other flammables from your deck.
- ☐ Continually check the roof and deck for embers, smoke, or fire.
- ☐ Place valuable papers and mementos in the car in preparation for evacuation. Keep your car fueled and in good condition. Keep emergency supplies in your car. Have your Go Bag ready.
- ☐ If ordered to evacuate, remember DBR has two evacuation routes, the front gate on to Hwy 101 and the meadow gate on to Old Gardiner Road.