



When Fire Threatens Your Home Or Your Recreation Residence

AHEAD OF FIRE:

1. Close ALL doors and windows. (Don't forget the garage.) Close all drapes, curtains and blinds. Lightweight curtains should be removed.
2. Connect garden hoses to hose bibs. Leave where they will be readily seen. (Rubber or neoprene hoses are best. Some plastic hoses fail when exposed to very little heat.)
3. Place a ladder to the roof.
4. Roll up all vehicle windows. Put any canvas or padded-top vehicles in the garage. If a vehicle is left in the open, park it where it will not obstruct fire equipment. Park all vehicles heading out.
5. Place combustible garden furniture and pads in garage or house; in any event do not leave them near a structure.
6. Leave the lights on in the house. This makes your house easier to find in the dark or in smoke.

WHEN WILDFIRE HITS:

If your home or recreation residence is threatened by a wildfire and an evacuation is not ordered, keep the family together, preferably in the house. This is the safest place to be when a fast-moving wildfire hits. ***DON'T FORGET TO CLOSE ALL THE DOORS AND WINDOWS!***

If you are physically able to do so, follow steps 1 through 6 and then, after the fire has passed, go outside, use your ladder and garden hose to extinguish any spot fires on the roof and around the exterior of your home.

Usually there is little value in wetting down brush, trees and fire resistant roofs ahead of a fire, as the heat and wind created by the fire will continue to dry them out.

EVACUATION:

No property or possession is worth more than your life or the lives of your loved ones. If the situation becomes dangerous, evacuation may be necessary. If evacuation is ordered:

Keep the family together - don't forget the pets!

Take valuable papers, documents, and other important items such as medical prescriptions, glasses, children's favorite toy (or blanket), and personal address/telephone books with you.

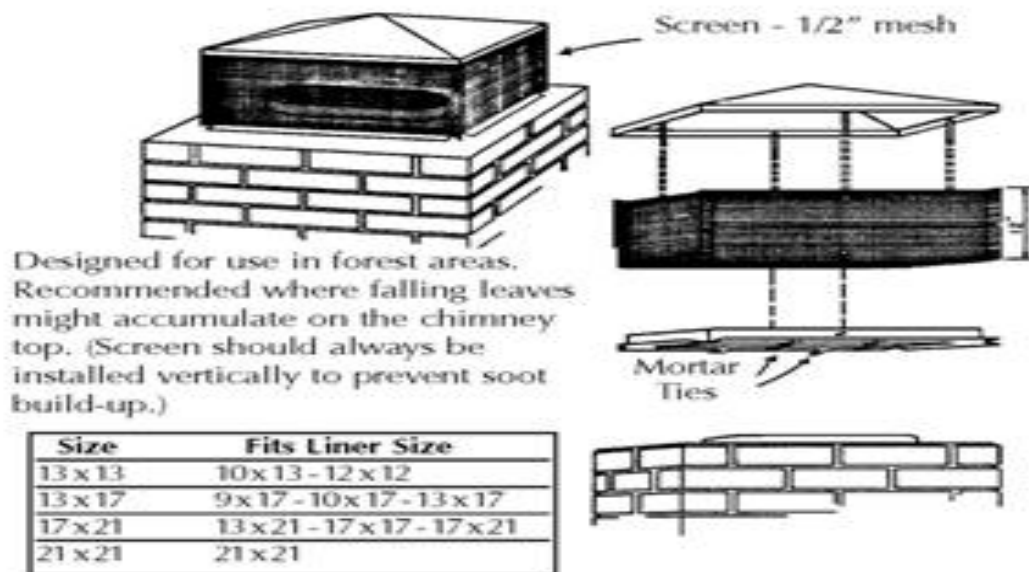
Leave the lights on to assist firefighters in locating your house - especially if it is in a remote area.

Notify friends or family of the time you left and where you can be contacted.

Most important of all - KEEP CALM! FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF THE FIREFIGHTERS ON THE SCENE.

For more information, contact your local Forest Service office or Fire Station.

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