

Prevention:

- Take care with flammables.
- Mow grass short. Rake leaves.
 Clear away refuse.
- Keep hay bales and firewood away from structures, electric lines and rights-of-way.
- Allow your co-op to keep power lines and rights-of-way free of trees and shrubs.
- Trim dead or dormant shrubbery close to houses and barns.
- Make a family evacuation plan.
 Have an inventory of home valuables in fireproof box.

If Fire Is Reported Near Your Community:

- Place photos, vital records and small items of value in your car.
 Park your car facing the direction of escape.
- Clear a fire break around buildings.
- Shut gas off at meter. (Only a qualified professional can safely turn the gas back on.)
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Leave the electricity on, especially if it powers a well.
- Turn on sprinklers. Wet down shrubs close to structures.
- Wet down roof and above-ground fuel tanks.
- If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Choose a route away from the fire hazard, and be alert to changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke.

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