

Are you Arkansas FireWise?

Assess wildfire risk to your home with this questionnaire

DIRECTIONS

Answer each question using assigned point values as it applies to your home. If the question does not apply, score it as a zero. Total the points to get a value and determine the risk hazard for your home.

ENTRANCE

1. A. Mailbox or 9-1-1 address is clearly marked with 4" reflective letters. (0 pts.) _____
B. Mailbox is marked but difficult to read. (5 pts.)
C. Address is not marked. (10 pts.)
2. A. Drive is at least 12' wide with 15' of vertical clearance for emergency vehicles _____
If there is a gate, it is 30' from the road, 2' wider than the drive, opens inward,
and has a key box if locked. (0 pts.)
B. Drive is less than 12' wide and cleared of brush. (5 pts.)
C. Drive is obstructed with no access for emergency vehicles. (10 pts.)

HOUSE

3. A. Home exterior has flame/heat resistant brick, stucco, or metal. (0 pts.) _____
B. Home has vinyl siding. (5 pts.)
C. Home has wood or cedar shake siding. (10 pts.)
4. A. Roof is of fire resistant material such as tin, tile, or asphalt shingles. (0 pts.) _____
B. Roof has cedar shake shingles. (15 pts.)
5. A. Chimney has a spark arrestor and is capped. (1 pt.) _____
B. Chimney is not capped. (5 pts.)
6. A. Gutters are cleaned of debris. Eaves are boxed. (1 pt.) _____
B. Gutters are not clean. Eaves are boxed. (5 pts.)
C. Gutters are not clean. Eaves are not boxed. (10 pts.)
7. A. Windows are double-pane, tempered glass. (1 pt.) _____
B. Windows are single-pane. (5 pts.)
8. A. Attic vent is covered with 1/8" mesh screening. (1 pt.) _____
B. Attic vent is not covered. (5 pts.)
9. A. Deck is screened underneath with lattice and 1/8" screened mesh. (1 pt.) _____
B. Deck is not screened. (10 pts.)
10. A. Wood fencing or trellis is located 10'-12' from the home or is non-combustible. (1 pt.) _____
B. Wood fence or trellis is less than 10' from the home the home. (5 pts.)

LANDSCAPING

11. A. Property is landscaped with drought resistant plants. Shrubs are at least 5' _____
from structures. Gravel, compost, or chunky bark is used as mulch. (1 pt.)
B. Shrubs and other landscaping are less than 5' from the home. Flammable material
such as wood chips or grass have been used for mulch. (10 pts.)
12. A. Overhanging limbs have been trimmed to 10' above structures. (1 pt.) _____
B. Overhanging limbs are less than 10' from structures. (5 pts.)

PERIMETER

13. A. Home has 100' or more space cleared from the wildland/urban interface. (1 pt.) _____
B. Home has 30'-100' of defensible space. (3 pts.)
C. Home has less than 30' of defensible space. (10 pts.)
14. Firewood and propane gas tanks are at least 50' from structures. (1 pt.) _____
B. Firewood is stacked house. LP tank is less than 50' from the home.
(5 pts.; 10 points gas tank is obstructed with overgrown brush)
15. A. Outbuildings are equipped with accessible rake, shovel, ladder, and hose. (1 pt.) _____
B. Outbuildings are not equipped with tools. (5 pts.)

TOTAL SCORE _____

SCORE VALUES

11 points or fewer Congratulations! You have a FireWise home. **12-30 points** Low to moderate hazard;
31-81 points Moderate to high hazard; **82-125 points:** High to extreme hazard means that the chances
of your home surviving a wildfire are slim. Changes are needed.