



FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT AND EMERGENCY ACCESS CHECKLIST

Dear Resident,

The 2007 weather pattern and rainfall this year has left our area with an excess amount of vegetation. The rainfall has produced an impressive weed crop, caused trees and shrubs to grow into roadways/driveways and left dead and dying vegetation all around our homes. The 2007 Fire Season is upon us. What can YOU DO to HELP US locate, reach and protect your home and family in an emergency?

- ❑ **IDENTIFICATION:** Post your address on the front of your home (4" numbers with a contrasting background) under or near your porch light. Post your address at the front of the driveway and at each intersection if on a common driveway access. Call us and ask for a copy of the District's "ADDRESS POSTING REQUIREMENTS" handout.
- ❑ **ACCESS:** Trim trees and shrubs from common access private roads, driveways and turnaround areas to provide a 12 foot wide X 15 foot high corridor to allow emergency equipment to reach your home.
- ❑ **CLEARANCE:** Create a defensible space around your buildings; by creating a managed landscaped (greenbelt) within 100 feet, cutting down weeds and removing accumulated vegetation piles around your home. A larger clearance is recommended if you live on sloped property.
- ❑ **TRIM TREES:** Remove tree limbs overhanging your roof, prune limbs within 6 feet of the ground. Remove dead trees on your property.
- ❑ **CHIMNEY SCREEN:** Cover your chimney outlet with a non-flammable screen that has a mesh no larger than ½ inch.
- ❑ **CLEAN YOUR ROOF:** Remove combustible vegetation from your roof, eaves and gutter.
- ❑ **FIREWOOD:** Stack firewood and kindling at least 30 feet from any structure, and keep clear around pile at least 10 feet.
- ❑ **PLAN YOUR ESCAPE:** Identify two escape routes from your home. Locate important documents, valuables and provide for ready access. Decide how to manage your pets.
- ❑ **PROPANE TANKS:** Keep clear of vegetation minimum 10 feet.

For additional information please contact us at 624-5907 or just stop on by!