

2025 Prepare in a Year Campaign



Home Fire Safety: Inside and Outside – Hunting Home Hazards

Did you know cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires? The Tip for the month of May is to take a few minutes and go on a hazard hunt around your home. If you find a potential fire hazard, take the time to correct it when you find it and check it off your “To-Do List.” Fixing home hazards inside and outside should be your task this month to avoid a home or wildfire. It only takes an ember in either direction . . .

1) Start your home hazard hunt in the kitchen and:

- Keep towels and wooden utensils away from the stove and burners
- ***Never leave your cooking unattended and clean your toaster tray before it starts to smoke***

2) Continue your home hazard hunt throughout your house . . .

- Unplug unused appliances, especially heating equipment
- Make it a habit of cleaning out the lint trap of your dryer
- Store all flammable liquids in proper containers and away from any heat source
- Read the labels on cleaning supplies and don't store them all together under the same sink

3) Don't forget to hunt outside your home too and ***take charge of your Defensible Space!***

- Defensible Space = The 100-foot buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surrounds it (definition: readyforwildfire.org)
- ***Zone 0 = Ember Resistant Zone*** is the first 0 to 5 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc.
- ***Zone 1 = Lean, Clean and Green Zone*** extends from 50 feet around buildings, structures, etc.
- ***Zone 2 = Reduce Fuel Zone*** is the next 50 to 100 feet of clearance around your home, decks, etc.

Learn more about defensible space requirements and fire-smart landscaping, at the links below:

Defensible Space – CAL FIRE: [Defensible Space - Ready for Wildfire](#)

Fire-Smart Landscaping – CAL FIRE: [Fire-Smart Landscaping For Enhanced Wildfire Safety | CAL FIRE](#)

#WildfirePrepDay – NFPA: Saturday, May 3rd – This year's focus is the first five (5) feet around your home.

Find your local Fire Safe Council with the interactive map on the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County's website: [San Diego Fire Safe Councils - Fire Safe Council of San Diego County](#)

Ideas to Consider:

Family Activity: Go on a **72-hour Go-Bag Scavenger Hunt** in your home. Look for extra items around your home that you can add to the emergency go-bag you have been building this year.

- **Comfort Items:** Something to keep you comforted or busy: stuffed animal, toy, card game, book
- **Picnic Items:** Paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils, trash bags, a can opener, and scissors
- **First Aid Kit:** Check the expiration date before adding it to your go-bag . . .they do expire



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