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KNOW?

→ Did you know that fall is wildfire season and the time to prepare for winter safety?

WILDFIRE SAFETY

- Protect yourself, your family, and your property from wildfire by creating defensible space between your home and the grass, trees, shrubs, or wildland area surrounding it. This space, extending 100 feet from your home or to your property line (whichever is closer), helps slow or stop the spread of wildfire and reduces the risk of your home catching fire.

To maintain healthy defensible space, remove ground litter and trim tree branches up to 15 feet (not to exceed one-third of the tree). Most homes lost to wildfire are ignited by flying embers, which can travel miles ahead of the of the active wildfire front.

- If you are camping, Camp Like a Pro in the Eastern Sierra. There's nothing between a campfire and a wildfire except your skills. Prepare the area, have a 5-gallon water bucket and shovel ready, constantly tend to your fire, and know how to put your fire **COMPLETELY OUT!** For more tips, resources, and maps, visit: [essrp.org/camping](https://www.essrp.org/camping).

PROPANE SAFETY

- Propane is a safe, reliable, and efficient fuel to heat your home. Make sure that all propane pipes, valves, regulators, and tanks are clear of snow and ice. In addition, do not bury your tank or the connection to your house with snow from your roof or when removing snow with equipment. Heavy accumulations of snow or ice falling on tanks, regulators, meters, piping, or valves may cause damage that could result in a gas leak.
- **BE ALERT** – if you smell gas, immediately put out all smoking materials and other open flames. Do not operate lights, appliances, telephones, or cell phones. Flames or sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or a fire. **LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY**, and from a neighbor's home or other nearby building away from the gas leak, call 9-1-1. **DO NOT RETURN TO THE BUILDING OR THE AREA** until it is safe to do so. For additional information about propane safety, contact the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District at 760-934-2300.