

Wildfires are real.

The Dollar Point Wildfire Committee is working very hard to make Dollar Point firewise. Firewise USA is a national program, so please check it out at www.firewise.org. It gives residents living in wildfire prone areas a plan of action to protect their homes and help them to survive a wildfire. It also helps you retain your home insurance. Two of us on the fire committee just had our home insurance cancelled. We passed all the inspections, but our insurance was revoked due to living in a fire-prone area. We are trying to protect all homeowners in Dollar Point from ever having this happen to them.

Four Safety Tips to Prevent Home Fires

1. Fire Extinguishers

- **Be prepared and have a plan** in case of any type of fire emergency.
- **What to consider: Portable Fire Extinguisher rated 2-A: 10-B:C**
 - Disposable or rechargeable
 - Search keywords on Amazon, Home Depot, etc. for: **Portable Fire Extinguisher rated 2-A: 10-B:C**
 - Swigards True Value also carries a couple types.
- **How many:** it is recommended to have one fire extinguisher per level. **All rentals must have two fire extinguishers**
 - Bigger is better, but small enough to "handle".
- **Where:** Entry/exit areas for accessibility.
 - In your kitchen and/or areas with heating appliances.
 - Not too close to heat source that you can't access in a fire situation.
- **When:** Check the dates on all fire extinguishers. Make sure they have not expired if you are not sure ...well it is time to go shopping!

Useful Links:

NFPA >> Public Education >> Fire Extinguishers

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Safety-equipment/Fire-extinguishers>

US Fire Administration (FEMA)

<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/extinguishers.html>

North Tahoe Fire

<https://www.ntfire.net/>

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2. Firewood and fire resistant tarp

- The North Lake Tahoe Fire Department recommends that you do **NOT** stack your firewood against your house.
- Do **NOT** stack your firewood under your house or porch
 - Another way to protect your house is to cover the firewood with a fire resistant tarp

You can purchase one here or find others online:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0096M0E10/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_image?ie=UTF8&psc=1



3. If you have a wood burning fireplace

- Please have it inspected and cleaned before winter starts
- Creosote and soot build up and can cause serious fires

4. No more charcoal grills/fire pits

- The North Lake Tahoe Fire Department and the Short Term Rental ordinance are banning charcoal grills starting January 2020
- Truckee did a survey and 17% of their fires started from charcoal grills (gas grills are allowed)
- Dollar Point Association will be removing their charcoal grills from both the beach and pool area to be in compliance
- Wood burning/solid-fuel fire pits are also outlawed under this ordinance (gas fire pits are allowed)
- We'll follow up with the final ordinance when it is released in 2020

Look for your wildfire tips at the end of every month! Thank you for your support and following through with these tips and ordinances.

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