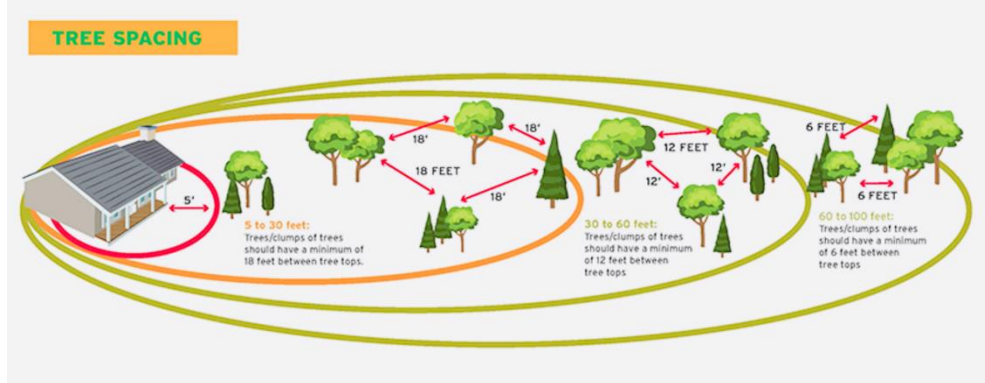


2020 WILDFIRE PREVENTION TIPS



With our focus on staying home and staying safe during the Covid-19 pandemic, it's important to remember that Mother Nature will not be idle. A warmer-than-normal summer has been forecast for the Pacific Northwest by meteorologists, which means dryer vegetation and the potential for more wildfires in areas where wild land interfaces with populated spaces.

While we've had to postpone formal community fire prevention activities like Sierra's annual Wildfire Prevention Day, sheltering at home gives us the perfect opportunity to take steps to prepare for wildfire season at our individual homes. Below are prevention efforts Sierra Country Club residents can take to protect not only their own homes, but the homes of their neighbors.

FROM FOUNDATION TO ROOF:

- Move flammable material away from exterior siding; dry vegetation, bark, mulch, firewood, etc.
- Remove debris from under decks and patios
- Remove leaves and other debris from roofs and gutters that may attract fire embers
- Repair/replace missing roofing material to deny ember penetration
- Install 1/8 inch metal mesh screen on eaves and attic vents to reduce ember access

WITHIN 30 FEET OF HOME:

- Remove leaves, evergreen needles, and dead limbs/shrubs
- Remove vines and other climbing vegetation from home and outbuildings
- Consider using gravel instead of tree bark or mulch in landscaped areas near your home
- Clear vegetation from stationary propane tanks
- Ensure garden hoses are in good working order and can reach all outside areas of your home

WITHIN 100 FEET OF HOME:

- Trim tree limbs to 6-8 feet above the ground
- Consider creating gravel pathways that serve as a "fuel buffer" to discourage fire spread
- Plant trees so limbs won't touch at maturity
- Continue clearing combustible material and debris