



2019 Prepare in a Year Campaign

Home Fire Safety – Home Hazard Hunt

Did you know cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires? The Tip for the month of April is to take a few minutes and go on a home fire hazard hunt around your home. If you find a fire hazard, take the time to correct it and check it off your “To-Do List.”

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

- Keep towels and wooden utensils away from the stove and burners
- Unplug appliances when they are not in use
- Never leave your cooking unattended

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
- Avoid clutter near your furnace or heater
- 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 buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it
- Zone 1 = 50 feet of clearance around your home
- Zone 2 = 100 feet of clearance around your home

For more great tips on defensible space and fire-resistant plants, please use the CAL FIRE links below:

Defensible Space: <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Defensible-Space/>

Fire-Resistant Landscaping: <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Fire-Resistant-Landscaping/>

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 hug, to play with and read (stuffed animal, toy, card game, book)
- **Picnic Items:** Paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils, trash bags, a can opener and scissors
- **Food:** Ready-to-eat canned or dried food (fruit, meats/tuna, peanut butter and breakfast bars)

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