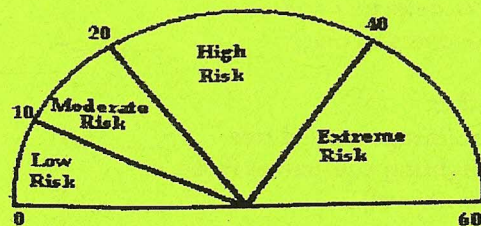


Interpreting Your Score



0 to 10 Low Fire Risk

The chances of your home surviving a wildfire are good. You don't have to do much to improve your situation. Keep up the good work!

11 to 20 Moderate Fire Risk

The chances of your home surviving a wildfire are fair. Some minor improvements will make it even more fire resistant. Check the areas of the form in which you scored poorly.

21 to 40 High Fire Risk

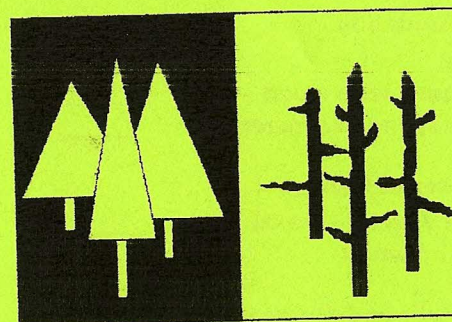
The chances of your home surviving a wildfire are not good. Some improvements to your structure and site are necessary.

41 or More Extreme Fire Risk

Your home may not survive if a wildfire passes through the area. In fact, a fire could even start on your property. Take a serious look at your property and make improvements. You will find that even small changes could make the difference between saving or losing your home.

Congratulations on taking the initiative to reduce the spread of wildfire.

If you require assistance with the completion of this form, contact your local fire department for more information. You may also contact the State Forester's Office at 603-271-2217.



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WILDLAND FIRE!

Measuring the Fire Risk of Your Home



Can your home survive a wildfire? This pamphlet will help you to rate your home's fire safety. Fill out the form carefully and honestly. After you identify the problems, plan to make improvements as soon as possible.

(Select only one response in sections
1 through 12)

A. Site Hazards

1. Surrounding Trees

- * No trees within 30' _____ 0
- * 1 - 10 trees within 30' _____ 3
- * 10 - 20 trees within 30' _____ 6
- * 20 + trees within 30' _____ 9

2. Ladder Fuels

- Low branches/underbrush present
- * 0' - 30' from structure _____ 5
 - * 30' - 50' from structure _____ 2
 - * 50' + from structure _____ 0

3. Type of Ground Cover (Major)

- * Sand / gravel _____ 0
- * Grass up to 6" high _____ 2
- * Grass 6" - 12" high _____ 4
- * Grass 12" or higher _____ 6
- * Leaf litter _____ 3
- * Needle litter _____ 4

4. Firewood or Fuel Storage (propane, oil, ect.)

- * 0 - 3' from structure _____ 5
- * 3' - 30' from structure _____ 3
- * 30' + from structure _____ 1

5. Brush Piles

- * 0 - 3' from structure _____ 6
- * 3' - 30' from structure _____ 3
- * 30' + from structure _____ 2

6. Gas Cans, Paint, etc.

- * 0 - 3' from structure _____ 3
- * 3' - 30' from structure _____ 2
- * 30' + from structure _____ 1

7. Open Burning

- * No permit obtained _____ 6
- * Incinerator not screened _____ 4

8. Outbuildings Within 20' _____ 3

TOTAL SITE HAZARD _____

B. Structural Hazards

9. Roofing Materials

- * Metal, tile, fiberglass _____ 0
- * Asphalt shingles _____ 3
- * Wood shingles _____ 6

10. Foundation

- * Open _____ 5
- * Enclosed with wood _____ 3
- * Enclosed with concrete _____ 0

11. Exterior Siding

- * Brick / stone / metal _____ 0
- * Vinyl / wood _____ 4

12. Decks and Overhangs

- * None (or enclosed) _____ 0
- * Yes (not enclosed) _____ 4

TOTAL STRUCTURE HAZARD _____

(Select all responses that apply for sections
13 through 15)

C. Hazard Reduction

13. Site

- * Trees pruned up to 10' _____ 2
- * Lot cleared of brush _____ 2
- * Grass kept watered/short _____ 2
- * Leaves/needles raked _____ 2
- * 3' gravel around structure _____ 2
- * House number posted _____ 2

14. Structure

- * Screen on chimney _____ 2
- * Gutters/roof cleaned _____ 2
- * Chimney regularly cleaned _____ 2
- * Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in place _____ 2

15. Other

- * Outbuildings hazard free _____ 1
- * Fire fighting equipment (hose, ladder, shovel) _____ 1
- * Communication system _____ 1
- * Driveway min. 15' wide _____ 1
- * No open burning _____ 3

TOTAL HAZARD REDUCTION _____

Calculation...

Total Site Hazard + Total Structure -- Total
Hazard Reduction =
Forest Home Fire Risk

Total Site Hazard _____
+ (plus) _____
Total Structure Hazard _____
-- (minus) _____
Total Hazard Reduction _____
= (equals) _____

Total Forest Home Fire Risk: _____

(Compare your score to the chart on
the back of this page.)