



## Rural Fire Defense



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Basic fire prevention measures will help reduce the possibility of damage from spreading fires after a disaster.

- Know the basic rules of fire prevention and how to apply them.
- Know how to report fires and how to extinguish small fires.
- Clean up around the house. Remove fire hazards from attics, closets, storage areas, basements and garages.
- Keep the area around the house, fuel tanks and outbuildings free of grass, weeds and debris.
- Keep fire fighting tools on hand. These should include a shovel, rake, water bucket, axe and fire extinguisher. Tools should be in good condition and kept in strategic locations.
- Be sure that your farm has an adequate, easily accessible water supply from an irrigation ditch, water tank, cistern or pond. If water pressure is good, keep a garden hose on hand to use in case of fire.
- Maintain an all-weather fire lane. Keep the lane clear so that fire equipment and other vehicles can move freely.
- Have a good communications system to report fires promptly.
- Prepare and maintain firebreaks or plowed fire lanes through farm and woodlands.

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