**Chemeketa Firewise**

**Fire Season Focus 2022**

**June** - First 5 feet: The Ember Resistant Zone 0

1. Remove combustibles within 5 feet of the house.
2. Keep nothing that could be ignited by an ember!

**July**- 5 to 30 feet: Lean, Clean, and Green

1. Create a separation between trees, shrubs and items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, wood piles, swing sets, etc.
2. Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from around and under decks, balconies and stairs.

**August**- Evacuation Prep

1. Have a prepared list of items you will want to take with you
2. Stay informed
3. If the fire is IN Chemeketa Park, then we need to leave EDWARDS ROAD OPEN
4. Follow the established and marked evacuation routes
5. Don’t Load in the ROAD!

**September**- Green Bin Days : Ladder fuels

1. Ladder fuels- “*live or dead vegetation that allows a fire to climb up from the forest floor into the tree canopy”*. Fuels should be cleared between 8-15 feet off of the forest floor depending on slope.
2. Create a situation in which a low-burning fire could burn to the trunk of a tree, which is protected by its bark, without having thinner, more flammable branches or leaves within easy reach of the fire.
3. Create a break in vertical and horizontal parts of the forest. If for example, a woodpile caught fire, it would not be positioned next to shrubs or directly under trees that could then easily catch fire.

**October**- Green Bin Days -Roadside brush

1. Grasses and other light vegetation should be no higher than 4 inches tall and cleared 10 feet up from the side of the road.
2. Trees that overhang the roadway should be limbed up 14 feet

**Things to Think about**

Getting tree work done this summer? Remember to KEEP THE SHADE. Shade decreases temperatures and increases humidity. Not sure how to help your forest? Go to [www.chemeketapark.org](http://www.chemeketapark.org) for a list of forestry consultants who, for a fee, can advise you on your forest’s health.

AND DON’T FORGET! Log your volunteer hours at [www.chemeketapark.org](http://www.chemeketapark.org) to keep our Firewise status.