



REGIONAL DISTRICT MARKS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK WITH FIRESMART REMINDERS

May 3-9 is Emergency Preparedness Week in Canada and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is encouraging residents to become FireSmart.

“Emergency Preparedness Week reminds us to be aware of the risks we are prone to and prepare ourselves and our properties,” says Anita de Dreu, Emergency Services Coordinator for the Regional District. “Wildfire is one of the biggest risks we face and there are some simple things we can all do to reduce the risk of damage and loss due to wildfire,” de Dreu.

Applying FireSmart principles to your property can be a simple and easy weekend project.

- Clean pine needles and leaves from roof and gutters.
- Rake and remove pine needles and dry leaves within a minimum of 1.5 metres (5 feet) from your home’s foundation.
- Relocate any wood piles located closer than 10 metres (30 feet) to your home and other structures.
- Clear above and below porches, decks, sheds and play structures to remove leaves and pine needles.
- Mow your grass to a height of 10 centimetres (4 inches) or less.
- Relocate items stored under decks and porches to a storage shed, garage, or basement.
- Gasoline cans and portable propane tanks should never be stored indoors and should be located away from the home.

For more information and resources about FireSmarting your property visit FireSmart BC at www.firesmartbc.ca and follow the Regional District on Facebook for daily FireSmart tips this week.

For more information about Emergency Preparedness, visit the Regional District’s emergency information page at www.rdffg.bc.ca

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