

Wildfires take advantage of debris forgotten in out-of-the-way places

Most homes lost to wildfire are ignited by little things. Wildfires produce a blizzard of embers that are carried to, or sometimes blasted at homes by the wind. These hot, little embers fly into the same nooks and crannies where the autumn winds have piled-up dead and dry leaves and needles.

This year, the Oregon Fire Marshals Association would like to remind those who live in wildfire areas to do some spring cleaning outdoors too. Act now, to protect your homes

this summer. Look up, look down, and look all around for anything on, around, and under your home that can burn.

Good places to start checking include roofs, rain gutters, window ledges, unscreened decks and porches, attic and foundation vents, against the siding, flower boxes and planters, against fences and along driveways.

For more information contact your local fire department or Oregon Department of Forestry.

Committee for Family Forestlands schedule meeting

The Committee for Family Forestlands will meet May 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Oregon Dep't of Forestry, Bldg. D, Conference Room 201, 2600 State St. in Salem. This is a public meeting.

The committee advises the Oregon Board of Forestry on issues affecting family forestland.

An update on the ODF budget and how it may impact family forestland owners will be discussed. Families own 43 percent of Oregon private forestlands.

The merger of ODF Forestry Assistance and Forest Prac-

tices on, July 1, will also be discussed. The merger is meant to 1) improve policy coordination with federal regulatory ac-

tivities and implementation of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds 2) improve utilization

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