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FIREFIIGHTERS REMIND COMMUNITY BRUSH FIRES DON'T JUST HAPPEN IN THE FOREST

Glendale, Ariz. — The Glendale Fire Department wants to remind residents to make their homes and businesses safe from brush fires. Even though we live in a populated city, brush fires can happen in *alleys, front yards, back yards* and *side yards*.

The National Weather Service released its three-month outlook for Arizona showing drought conditions are likely to be in our state until September. Temperatures are expected to be hotter than normal.

That's why the Glendale Fire Department suggests residents take an active role in preventing a brush fire.

1. Cut down all dry grass, bushes and weeds
2. Remove leaf clutter and dead and overhanging branches
3. Mow your lawn regularly
4. Follow local regulations for proper disposal of trimmings, etc...
5. Remove "ladder fuels" – vegetation that could be a link between grass and tree tops. It can carry fire to a structure or from a structure.
6. Create 30-feet of defensible space between vegetation & your home
7. Store firewood away from the house
8. Use caution when refueling mowers, weed eaters, etc...
9. Store and use flammable liquids properly
10. Do not throw a cigarette or matches out a car window

11. If camping or off-roading in the desert be sure to properly extinguish all campfires or fire pits.

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