

## **New Home Fire Safety Assessment Program**

**\*\* New and Free\*\***

Your Firewise Committee, consisting of Dan Wight, David DiBonito and Dimas Diaz recently attended several days of training at a program hosted by the Texas A & M Forest Service and the SunCity Firewise Group. As part of that program, the three of us received training to conduct exterior hazardous ignition zone assessments for your home and then make specific recommendations to make your home more Firewise. Again, this is intended to increase the odds of your home surviving a wildfire.

Here is how this voluntary program works:

1. You have to request that we conduct an assessment.
2. You choose whom you want to do it. Any one of us can do it, but two sets of eyes are better than one- but it's your choice.
3. Contact one of us to set up a date and time.
4. It takes us about 1 to 1-1/2 hours to conduct an assessment and then go over the recommendations.
5. You will be given the only copy of the assessment/ recommendations and it will be discussed with only you, the requester, at that time. No copies will be kept.

We guarantee that you will say "I never thought about that" at least once!

Contact any of us to take advantage of this free opportunity.

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**\*\*\*The following pages show the Checklist and Form that we use for your assessment. It will be discussed with you at completion and you will be presented the only copy\*\*\***

# Overlook Estates Firewise Committee

## Home Fire Safety Assessment

Address:

For:

Evaluators:

Date:

### Front of Home

#### **Roof:**

Shingle Condition- Flat, Missing, Gaps  
Venting- condition and screened- no plastic

Litter/Debris:

Valleys  
Crevices, Joints, back of chimneys and Crickets  
Gutters

Flashing and Soffits/ Overhangs:

Flashing tight to roof  
Gables to roof deck joint -no gaps  
Soffit/ overhang vents- no plastic  
Gable vents- screened

#### **Venting:**

Dryer vent outlet - operable and cleaned every 2-4 years  
Other louvered vents- operable and no missing parts

#### **Windows:**

Vegetation relative to windows  
Screens – good condition

#### **Walls/ Attachments:**

Shutters, Trellises and combustible attachments  
Shrub clearance from soffit- more the better  
Attachments that collect litter/debris

#### **Other:**

House number visible for emergency responders?

## **Right Side of Home**

### **Roof:**

Shingle Condition- Flat, Missing, Gaps  
Venting- condition and screened

### **Litter/Debris:**

Valleys  
Crevices, Joints, Cricketts  
Gutters

### **Flashing and Soffits:**

Flashing tight to roof  
Soffit to roof deck joint -no gaps  
Soffit vents- no plastic  
Gable vents- screened

### **Venting:**

Dryer vent- operable and cleaned every 2-4 years  
Louvered Vents- operable and no missing parts

### **Windows:**

Vegetation relative to windows  
Screens – good condition

### **Walls/ Attachments:**

Shutters, Trellises and combustible attachments  
Shrub clearance from soffit- more the better  
Attachments that collect litter/debris

### **Other:**

## **Back of Home**

### **Roof:**

Shingle Condition- Flat, Missing, Gaps  
Venting- condition and screened

## Back of Home-Roof cont.

### Litter/Debris:

- Valleys
- Crevices, Joints, Crickets
- Gutters

### Flashing and Soffits:

- Flashing tight to roof
- Soffit to roof deck joint -no gaps
- Soffit vents- no plastic
- Gable vents- screened

### Venting:

- Dryer vent- operable and cleaned every 2-4 years
- Louvered Vents- operable and no missing parts

### Windows:

- Vegetation relative to windows
- Screens – good condition

### Walls/ Attachments:

- Shutters, Trellises and combustible attachments
- Shrub clearance from soffit- more the better
- Attachments that collect litter/debris

### Other:

## Left Side of Home

### Roof:

- Shingle Condition- Flat, Missing, Gaps
- Venting- condition and screened

### Litter/Debris:

- Valleys
- Crevices, Joints, Crickets
- Gutters

### Flashing and Soffits:

- Flashing tight to roof
- Soffit to roof deck joint -no gaps

Soffit vents- no plastic  
Gable vents- screened

Left Side of Home –cont.

**Venting:**

Dryer vent- operable and cleaned every 2-4 years  
Louvered Vents- operable and no missing parts

**Windows:**

Vegetation relative to windows  
Screens – good condition

**Walls/ Attachments:**

Shutters, Trellises and combustible attachments  
Shrub clearance from soffit- more the better  
Attachments that collect litter/debris

**Other:**

**Decks/ Patios**

Deck Material- Combustible  
Underpinning- Ember intrusion  
Combustible material/debris under decking  
Vegetation relative to decking  
Water available near/on deck  
Combustible attachments (lattice, trellises, etc.)  
Grills/ propane  
Combustible Porch furniture/cushions  
Combustible doormats  
Potted Plants/ Flammable Accessories

**Other:**

**Yard/ Landscaping**

**Front:**

Vegetation Clearance from walls (6-12")

Tree Clearance from Roof (3-4')  
Tree Clearance for Chimney (10')  
Front Yard/ Landscaping- cont.

Ground Vegetation near home  
Ground Vegetation >30' from home  
Trees limbed up to break fire ladder  
Other:

**Right Side:**

Vegetation Clearance from walls (6-12")  
Tree Clearance from Roof (3-4')  
Tree Clearance for Chimney (10')  
Ground Vegetation near home  
Ground Vegetation >30' from home  
Trees limbed up to break fire ladder  
Other:

**Back:**

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