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Wildfire Prevention

According to the Wildland Fire Assessment System, our area is at a very high to extreme fire danger level. It is always important to be educated about grassfire prevention, as being aware could make the difference in the loss of property or loss of life.

As the temperatures and wind speeds rise this Spring, here are some tips to help prevent wildfires in our area:

- Do not park cars, trucks, or recreational vehicles on dry grass or shrubs
- Remove anything surrounding your house that could serve as a fuel source
- Rake leaves, cut off dead limbs, cut grass regularly, and remove dead branches that extend over the roof, tending to your roof gutters as well.
- When barbecuing, place ashes or burnt charcoal in a metal bucket and soak in water, checking back regularly to monitor. Keep a shovel, bucket of water, fire extinguisher, or other fire suppression tools on hand.
- **Having an evacuation plan in place prior to a possible grass fire is vital.** This includes: a meeting place for each family member and knowing where all possible exits and escape routes are located. Households with children should have a drawing of a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.
 - A second evacuation plan is worthwhile as well, since emergency situations are not likely to be predictable.
- No burning of trash, leaves, or brush is permitted within the city limits of Hobbs, New Mexico. To burn such materials outside of city limits, a burn permit is required.

Parents should also emphasize the dangers of playing with fire to their children. Many grassfires are often started by children who are unaware of how quickly flames can grow and spread.

For more information, feel free to contact the Hobbs Fire Marshal's at (575) 391-8158 or via the Hobbs Fire Department Facebook page.

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