

How to Have a



Individual Home Owner Assessment Sheet

Directions: Answer each question using assigned point values as it applies to your home. If the question does not apply, score it as a zero. Total the points to get a value and determine the risk hazard for your home.

ENTRANCE:

1. A. Mailbox or 9-1-1 address is clearly marked with 4" reflective letters. (0 pts.) _____
B. Mailbox is marked but difficult to read (small letters, obstructed view, only visible from one direction, etc. (5 pts.)
C. Address is not marked. (10 pts.)

2. A. Driveway is at least 12' wide with 14.5' of vertical clearance to allow access for emergency vehicles. Brush and limbs are cleared. If there is a gate, it is 30' from the road, 2' wider than the drive, opens inward and has a key box if locked. (0 pts.) _____
B. Driveway is less than 12' wide, is cleared of brush but has limited access for emergency vehicles. (5 pts.)
C. Driveway is obstructed or minimized by uncleared brush. No access for emergency vehicles. (10 pts.)

HOME:

3. A. Home's siding is non-combustible/heat resistant material (brick, stucco, block aluminum, etc. (0 pts.) _____
B. Home has vinyl siding. (5 pts.)
C. Home has wood or cedar shake siding. (10 pts.)

4. A. Roof is fire resistant/non-combustible material (tin, tile, class A fiberglass/asphalt shingles. (0 pts.) _____
B. Roof has non-rated /combustible shingles. Usually found on older homes. (10 pts.)
C. Roof has cedar shake shingles. (15 pts.)

5. A. Chimney has a spark arrestor and is capped. (1 pt.) _____
B. Chimney is not capped. (5 pts.)

6. A. Gutters are cleaned of debris. Eaves are boxed. (1 pt.) _____
B. Gutters are not clean. Eaves are boxed. (5 pts.)
C. Gutters are not clean. Eaves are not boxed. (10 pts.)

7. A. Windows are double-pane, tempered glass. (1 pt.) _____
B. Windows are single-pane. (5 pts.)

8. A. Attic vent is covered with 1/8" mesh screening. (1 pt.) _____
B. Attic vent is not covered. (5 pts.)

9. A. Deck is screened underneath with lattice and 1/8" screened mesh. (1 pt.) _____
 B. Deck is not screened. (10 pts.) _____

10. A. Wood fencing or trellis is located 10'-12' from the home or is a non-combustible material. (1 pt.) _____
 B. Wood fence or trellis is less than 10' from the home or is in direct contact with the home. (5 pts.) _____

LANDSCAPING

11. A. Property is landscaped with drought resistant plants. Shrubs are at least 5' from structures. Pea gravel, lava rock or chunky bark is used in place of mulch. (1 pt.) _____
 B. Shrubs and other landscaping are less than 5' or are in direct contact with the home. Shredded bark or other flammable materials (e.g. grass) have been used for mulch. (10 pts.) _____
12. A. Overhanging limbs have been trimmed to a height of 10' above structures. (1 pt.) _____
 B. Overhanging limbs are less than 10' from structures. (5 pts.) _____

PERIMETER

13. A. Home has 100' or more of defensible space cleared from the wildland/urban interface. (1 pt.) _____
 B. Home has 30'-100' of defensible space. (3 pts.) _____
 C. Home has less than 30' of defensible space. (10 pts.) _____
14. A. Firewood, LP gas tanks and other flammable hazards are at least 50' from structures. LP tank is cleared of overgrown brush within at least 15' of tank. (1 pt.) _____
 B. Firewood is stacked on porch or against home. LP tank (if applicable) is less than 50' from the home. (5 pts.) If LP tank is obstructed with overgrown brush (add 5 pts.) _____
15. A. Storage sheds or outbuildings are equipped with a rake, shovel, ladder and hose that are easily accessible. (1 pt.) _____
 B. Outbuildings are not equipped with tools. (5 pts.) _____

TOTAL _____

SCORE VALUE:

11 Points or Less: Low Hazard. Congratulations! You have a  Home!
12 to 30 Points: Low to Moderate Hazard.
31 to 81 Points: Moderate to High Hazard.
82 to 125 Points: High to Extreme Hazard. Your Home is at risk! Consider making changes to reduce your risk. Visit www.ncfirewise.org or contact your County Ranger to get more information.

Share and discuss this assessment with your neighbors and Homeowners Association. Consider working to make your neighborhood a Firewise Communities/USA neighborhood. Visit www.ncfirewise.org.