



FLORENCE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

**JUNE
2020**

**SPECIALS POINTS
OF INTEREST**

**JULY 4TH
FIREWORKS**

**SUMMER
SAFETY TIPS**

**WILDFIRE
RISK REDUCTION**

**HAPPY
4TH OF JULY**



The annual July 4th fireworks show at the Florence community park will continue this year on Saturday, July 4th. Fireworks will start at approximately 10:20pm.

Due to Corona Virus pandemic concerns, and following state guidelines, no food will be served and no other planned events will occur. Please allow for social distancing while in the park area.

Enjoy the show, and Happy 4th of July.

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www.florencefire.us

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WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

Every year, wildfires burn across the United States, and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. But, residents can make a difference by making their own properties and homes much safer from wildfires.

TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR HOME'S SURVIVABILITY FROM WILDFIRE

- **REMOVE** leaves, pine needles and other flammable material from the roof, gutters and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting you home.
- **SCREEN** areas below decks and porches with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent material from accumulating underneath.
- **COVER** exterior attic and soffit vents with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent sparks from entering your home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves to help prevent ember entry.
- **INSPECT** shingles and roofing material. **REPLACE** missing material.

DID YOU KNOW: In 2019, 87% of wildfires were human caused. **BE FIRE SAFE!**

[Visit www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) for more information.



Air Tanker dropping in Carlton Creek drainage during the Lolo Peak Fire.

Photo: John L. Ames

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS



Summer is fast approaching, and more time will be spent outdoors. Please take a moment to prepare for the hotter temperatures, to stay cool and stay hydrated.

- ◆ **When in a vehicle, always wear your seat belts.**
- ◆ **Never leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle.**
- ◆ **Stay hydrated, take frequent water breaks.**
- ◆ **When outdoors during the summer heat, wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing, including a wide-brimmed hat.**
- ◆ **Consider using sunscreen when going outdoors.**
- ◆ **Summer can bring mosquitoes, consider using an insect repellent.**
- ◆ **When hiking, wear sturdy shoes for ankle and foot support.**
- ◆ **Keep alert for summer storms, if thunder roars, go indoors.**
- ◆ **Never leave your child unattended in a pool, lake, river or other water area.**
- ◆ **Don't rely on lifeguards or other adults to watch over your child while swimming.**

ENJOY THE SUMMER. STAY SAFE. IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911



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OUTSIDE BURNING TIPS

- ◆ **Don't burn when it's windy or when vegetation is very dry. Monitor the weather for changing conditions.**
- ◆ **Burn permits are required and must be activated each time you burn in Ravalli and Missoula Counties.**
- ◆ **You can burn dry, natural vegetation and natural yard debris. Household trash, plastics, construction material or tires are illegal to burn.**
- ◆ **Choose a safe burn site away from powerlines, overhanging limbs, buildings, vehicles and equipment. You'll need at least three times the height of the pile for vertical clearance, and at least ten feet of clearance in all directions. Keep surroundings watered down while burning and have a shovel close by.**
- ◆ **Stay with your fire until it is completely out.**
- ◆ **Drown the fire with water, turn over the ashes with a shovel and drown it again.**
- ◆ **Check the burn area regularly for any rekindles over the next several days, especially if the weather is warm and dry.**

In case of EMERGENCIES, Dial 911. Be Fire Safe at all