For more information on fire safety contact your local fire department or forest ranger at:

Region	Office	Phone
1	Stony Brook	(516) 444-0290
3	New Paltz	(914) 255-5453
4	Schenectady	(518) 382-0680
5	Ray Brook	(518) 891-1370
6	Herkimer	(315) 866-6330
7	Cortland	(607) 753-3095
8	Bath	(607) 776-2165
9	Falconer	(716) 665-6111

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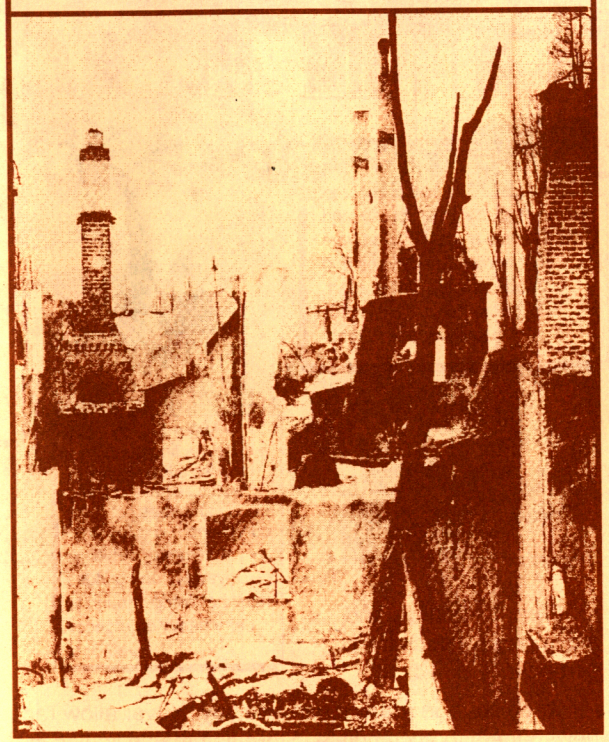

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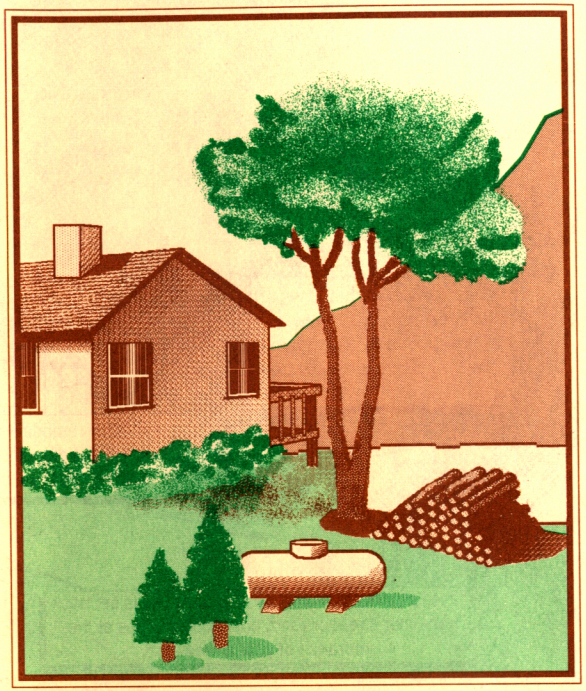

A CHECKLIST FOR HOMEOWNERS

A wildfire is any outside fire which is out of control. It can be as simple as a grass or brush fire. It can be a raging forest fire.

This checklist will help you identify ways to reduce wildfire hazards around your home and property and to prepare your family and neighbors for the event of wildfire.

Don't be the cause of a wildfire.

Don't be the victim.

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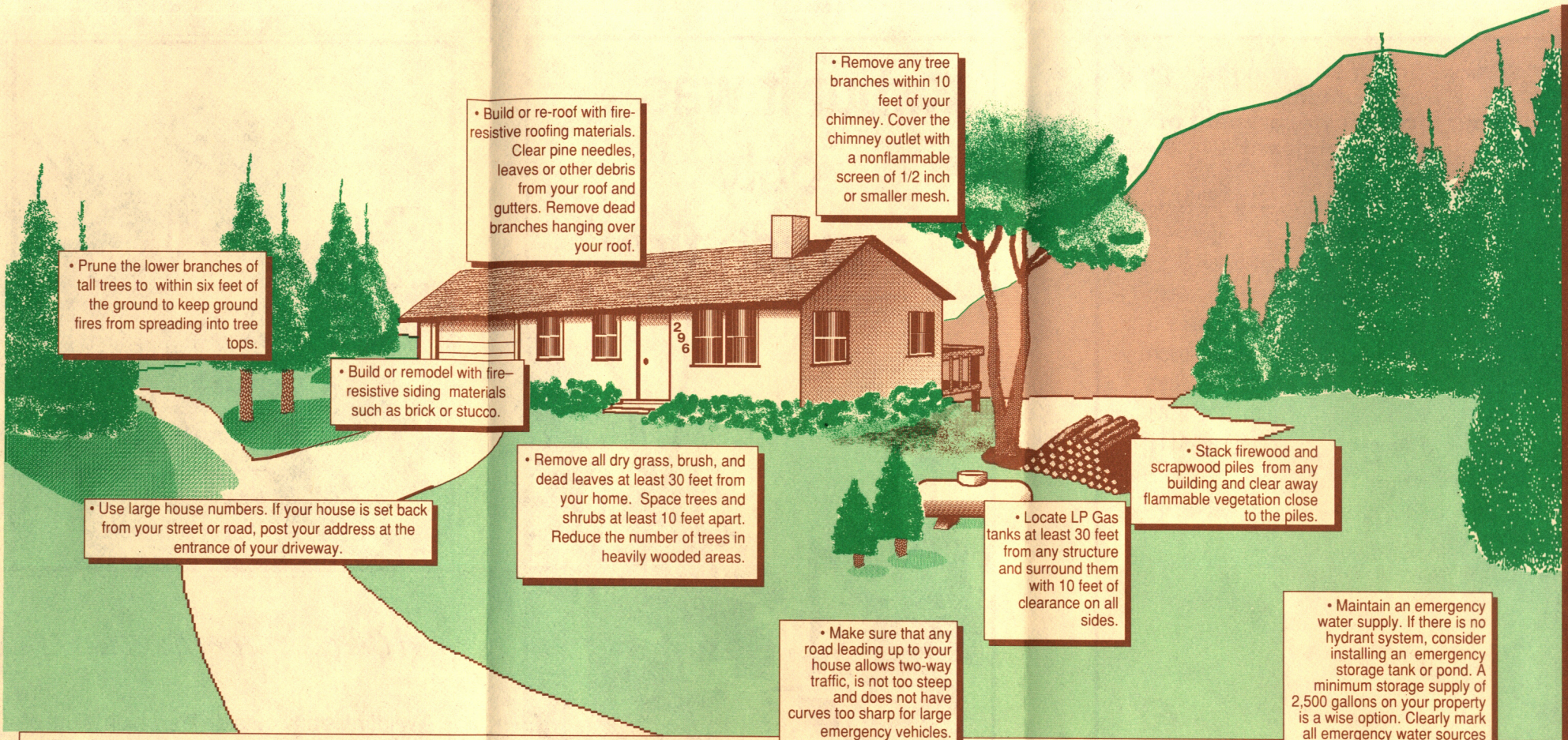
Wildfire Survival



WILDFIRE PLANNING

Home Construction

☐ Build home on most level portion of lot. Roofs and exteriors should be of fire resistant materials.

☐ Avoid cedar shakes and shingles or treat them with fire retardant.

☐ Screen eaves, attic and floor openings

☐ Avoid accumulation of flammable material.

☐ Screen the chimney and stove pipe.

☐ Remove site-preparation debris.

Existing Home Protection

☐ Reduce surrounding wildfire fuels, such as rotting logs, branches, brush and other flammable materials.

☐ Inspect your home's exterior at least once a year before summer.

☐ Remove overhanging tree limbs, moss, or pine needles from the roof and gutters.

☐ Clean chimneys and stove pipes, check their screens.

☐ Keep storage areas clean and tidy. Never allow rags or newspapers to accumulate. Store flammable liquids in approved containers.

☐ Maintain a fuel-free area around your home. A large green lawn is ideal. Remove highly flammable plants growing close to the house, especially on the downside or side most exposed to prevailing winds.

☐ Remove nearby heavy ground vegetation and stumps.

☐ Do not stack firewood against the house.

Wildfire Safety Precautions

☐ Develop control plans with family and neighbors.

☐ Have an adequate water supply nearby.

Pre-connect garden hose with nozzle and sprinkler system to access all structural exteriors, including the roof.

☐ For a non-pressurized water system, have a large barrel of water and 5-gallon pail. Have a ladder long enough to access the roof and a round point shovel and mattock.

Evacuation Plan

☐ Develop a standard evacuation route. Make sure everyone knows the route.

☐ Establish an alert system alarm such as a whistle or boat horn.

☐ Establish a family meeting point where all members can gather in the event of fire.

☐ Have a list of items to evacuate (important personal papers, photo albums, etc.).

☐ Know how to shut off the electrical power and gas supplies.

Above all, in the event of fire stay calm.