



ARE YOU FIREWISE HAWAII



WHAT TO DO IF ...

- 1 Call for help • CALL 911**
- 2 Close all entrances, windows and other openings.** Close shutters, heavy drapes, Venetian blinds, or other window coverings. This action is recommended to prevent sparks from blowing inside your house and igniting there.
- 3 Turn off residential fuel.** If you use gas or butane, turn it off at the tank or the meter.
- 4 Dress to protect yourself.** Wear cotton clothing including long pants, long-sleeved shirt, gloves and a handkerchief to protect your face.

FIREWISE LANDSCAPING

Survivable Space

With Firewise landscaping, you can create survivable space around your home that reduces your threat to wildfire.

Creating survivable space around your home also allows firefighters room to put out fires. Do you have 10–30 feet of space around your home that is lean, clean and green?

Be Lean, Clean and Green

Lean – Prune shrubs and cut back tree branches.

Large trees and shrubs should be pruned so that the lowest branches are at least 6–10 feet above the ground to prevent a fire spreading from the ground to the tree tops.

Clean – Remove all dead plant material from around your home, including dead leaves and dry vegetation. Clear away flammable plants that contain oily resins and replant with fire-resistant plants. If you have firewood, stack it away from the house. Avoid using dead banana fronds as shade covering.

Green – Plant healthy fire-resistant vegetation.

Ask a local landscape specialist for suggestions.

FIREWISE CONSTRUCTION

Fire Resistant Building Materials

Using fire-resistant building materials is a key component of being **Firewise**.

Roof

Your roof is the number one source of ignition. Something as simple as making sure that your roof is clear of debris will reduce your fire threat. So will using fire resistive roofing materials, such as Class-A asphalt shingles, metal, tile and concrete products.

Siding

Wall materials that resist heat and flames include brick, cement, stucco, and concrete masonry. Tempered and double pane windows can make a home more resistant to wildfire heat and flames.

Lanais/Fences/Ohana Units

A wooden lanai or fence can act as a wick, bringing fire directly to the home. Make sure lanais, fences, and ohana units are also made of fire-resistant materials.

Fire Officials need your help.

PREPARE your home and

PROTECT your family and pets.

BEWARE of accidentally starting a wildfire!



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... A WILDFIRE APPROACHES

- 5 Have tools and water accessible.** Have a ladder, shovel, rake and long water hose available. Fill buckets and other bulk containers with water.
- 6 Wet down the roof.** If your roof can burn, wet it down with a hose.
- 7 Prepare your vehicles.** Back as many vehicles as possible into the garage, then close the door. In the event you evacuate, close the garage door behind you as you leave. If you do not have a garage or if it is full, park vehicles so they are heading in the direction of the evacuation route.
- 8 Evacuate the family.** If evacuation becomes necessary, take your family and pets to a safe location.

Top three causes of wildfires in Hawaii:

Human Error
Arson
Fireworks

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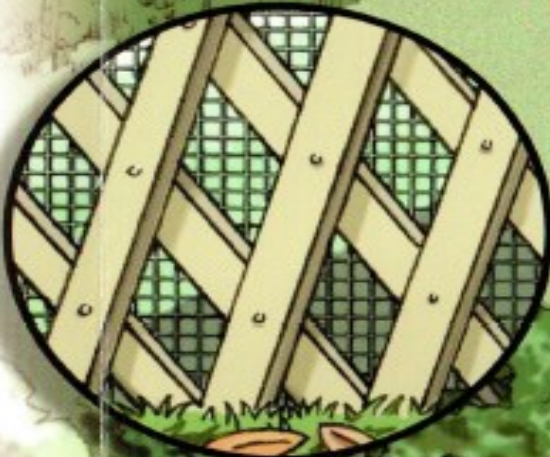
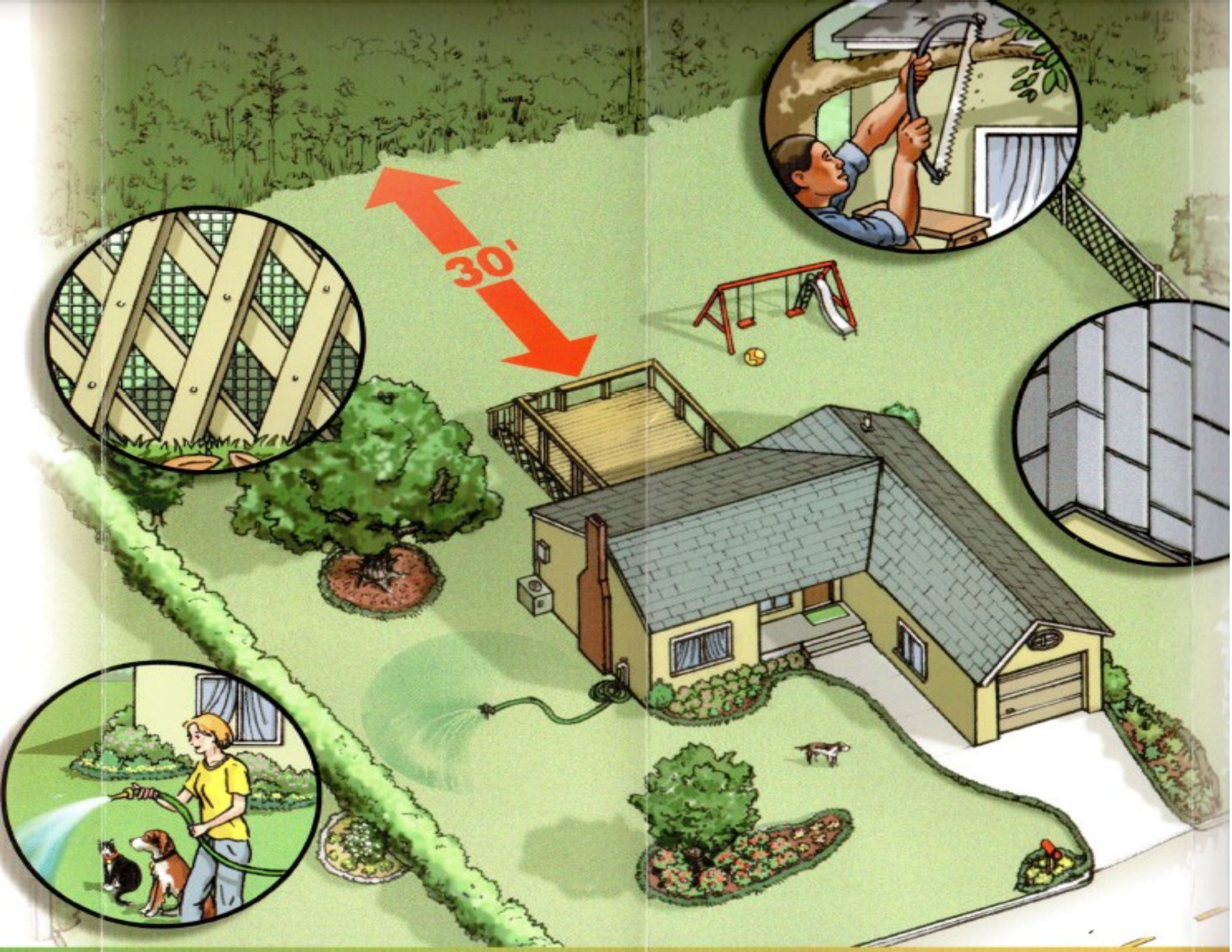
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