

FIREWISE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

By _____ Date _____

NOTE: This checklist is suggested for your use in helping to protect your cabin as well as the cabins of those around you in the event of fire. The following checklist and informational sources are based on information researched through FIREWISE. All information provided by FIREWISE is supplied by state and federal firefighting agencies.

Good	Improve	Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Electrical system and wiring inspected and safe (appropriately sized, shielded and free of damage and degradation). Notes: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. ABC - type fire extinguishers in place and in working order (annual inspections). All cabin users trained in proper extinguisher usage: (PASS – (P) pull out the pin; (A) aim the extinguisher; (S) squeeze the handle; and (S) sweep side to side at the base of the fire. Notes: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Smoke detectors in working order and strategically placed. Notes: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Flashlights in working order and strategically placed. Notes: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Safe egress routes identified for all areas of the cabin. Notes: _____ _____

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Fire emergency phone numbers posted by each telephone. (Warm Lake Emergency Numbers Magnetic Card available from the Fire Committee). Notes: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Fireplace and chimney inspected and free of creosote. Note: Damp/green wood and colored paper accelerate creosote buildup. Notes: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Wood stoves and fireplace inserts meet county standards and codes. Notes: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Stacked firewood and flammable debris at least 30' from the cabin. Notes: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. All propane tanks clear of flammable debris (grass, weeds, etc.). Notes: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11. Roof, eaves and gutters clear of needles, etc. Notes: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12. Tree branches trimmed away from chimney and roof and 15' off the ground. Power lines need 15' vertical clearance. Notes: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	13. Spark arresters inspected and in good condition (check in spring after the winter snow). Notes: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14. Lot clear of dead trees, pine needles or other flammable debris within 30' of the cabin or outbuildings. Wood cutting permit may be required. Notes: _____ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Hoses <u>with nozzles</u> connected to outside faucets. Notes: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16. Fire tools and ladder (that will reach your roof) easily accessible and in good working order. Notes: _____ _____

SUGGESTED READING SOURCES:

Refer to Forest Service annual inspection list for required cabin fire protection policies.

Check out the Firewise website for additional fire protection suggestions: www.firewise.org

Review “Living with Fire, A Guide for the Homeowner” (look up, by the title, on the internet – through Google or Yahoo). This is recommended in the Valley County, Idaho Wildland-Urban Interface Wildfire Mitigation Plan – 4.4.2.3.17.6 (Rural Community of Warm Lake).