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How to prevent brush and other dry weather-related fires:

- Remove dead plants or bushes as soon as possible and clear roof and gutters of pine needles and leaves
- Remove long grass, weeds or anything that can burn from around homes. This includes limbs that touch buildings or hang near the roof
- Clear away grass that collects around lawnmower engines because worn out lawnmower mufflers can emit sparks.
- Allow your lawn mower to cool before refueling. Gasoline gives off more ignitable vapors in hotter weather.
- Either keep lawn hydrated or cut it short if it's dried out
- Never leave barbecues or other outdoor cooking appliances unattended.
- Make sure outdoor cookers are in good repair and have a metal drip pan underneath to catch fallen embers or hot grease.
- Do not light fireworks – besides being illegal, they cause serious injuries and fires
- Dispose of smoking materials in proper receptacles and douse in water, not in planters or out of your vehicle window
- Be sure chains and other metal parts are not dragging from your vehicle as they can throw sparks. Check your tire pressure – driving on an exposed wheel rim can cause sparks
- Be careful driving through or parking on dry grass as hot exhaust pipes can lead to fires