



R.F.C. Fire/Rescue

8338 W. Robinson Rd.
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Proudly serving the townships of Readmond, Friendship & Cross Village



FIRE AWARENESS

Human activities are responsible for 98% of all wildfires. Please help us keep our townships safe by observing these helpful tips:

- ◆ Beach fires/open burning should be avoided, unless they are contained in a fire pit and attended (fires are not out until they are cold and wet—use water, not sand to put them out).
- ◆ Fireworks should not be used during dry conditions. The sparks they spread may not be detected until too late.
- ◆ No sky lantern use as they can start fires far away from their send off point.
- ◆ Recycle your burnable papers and cardboard.
- ◆ Trimming dune grass in February or March will help it grow and stay green. Dry dune grass can have a flame height of 10-20 feet.
- ◆ Keep your lawn and landscape plants green and watered.
- ◆ Prevent leaf litter from collecting on or under your deck, roof, eaves troughs and landscape.
- ◆ Use inorganic mulch adjacent to your home.
- ◆ Firewood should be stacked 30-50 feet from structures.

- ◆ Remove flammable materials from around your foundation such as lumber, ground cover, gasoline and paint. A 3-foot wide ring is ideal.
- ◆ If possible, maintain a driveway width with 12-14 feet side-to-side clearance and 15 feet overhead clearance for emergency vehicles.

BE PREPARED

Develop, discuss and practice an emergency action plan with everyone in your home. Include details for pets and livestock. Program cell phones with emergency numbers. Know two ways out of your neighborhood and have a designated meeting place.

CONTACT INFORMATION

BURN PERMIT CONTACT INFORMATION

866.922.2876

www.michigan.gov/burnpermit

For your safety, please notify RFC or Central Dispatch when you obtain a burn permit

Station: 231.526.2565 / Central Dispatch: 231.439.3500



FIREWISE HOME AND LANDSCAPING

www.firewise.org



MICHIGAN FIREWISE COMMUNITIES PROJECT

www.firewise.msu.edu



CRITICAL DUNE AREA INFORMATION

www.mi.gov/criticaldunes



DUNE/BEACH GRASS TRIMMING

www.michigan.gov (search for beach grass)



The RFC Firefighters are available to visit your home upon request to examine the accessibility of your property and to make safety recommendations.

231.526.2565