

## **Are You Prepared for Wildfires?**

Each of us can play a role in making our communities safer from wildfire. Follow these tips to reduce your risk.

## **Preparation**

- Make a plan. Find the best two evacuation routes from your home and from your community. Know how you will use them.
- Practice your plan with everyone in your family. If you have a pet, include a leash or carrier. Practice using both evacuation routes in case one is blocked.
- Have a communications plan for your family members in case you aren't together during an evacuation.
- Create an emergency bag. Put essential personal items in the bag so they'll be ready to grab and go. Include your pet supplies.
- Know ahead of time how you will receive emergency information from county officials. In a wildfire, follow their evacuation instructions.

## **Protection**

- Keep your roof, rain gutters, lanai, and yard clean and green.
- Remove branches within 10 feet of the flue opening of any stove or chimney.
- Maintain a non-flammable screen over the flue opening of every chimney or stovepipe. Screen mesh openings should not exceed 1/2 inch.
- Make a safety zone up to 100 feet around your home by clearing dry leaves, branches, and other plant debris.
- Put anything that can burn, such as woodpiles, propane tanks, etc., at least 100 feet away from your home.
- Choose lanai furniture and other outdoor items with fire safety in mind.
- Make sure your house number can be easily seen from the road.