KENTUCKY DIVISION OF FORESTRY WOODLAND HOME WILDFIRE HAZARD ASSESSMENT

Instructions: Answer each question using point values as it applies to your home. If the question does not apply, score it as a zero. Total the points to get the value and determine the hazard for your home.

ENTRANCE:

1. A. Mailbox or 9-1-1 address clearly marked with 4 inch reflective letters. (0 pts.)
B. Mailbox is marked but difficult to read (small letters, obstructed view, only visible from one direction, etc. 5 pts.)
C. Address is not marked. (10 pts.) _____

2. A. Drive is at least 12 feet wide with 14.5 feet of vertical clearance to allow access for emergency vehicles. Brush and limbs are cleared. If there is a gate, it is 30 feet from the road, 2 feet wider than the drive, opens inward and has a key box if locked. (0 pts).
B. Drive is less than 12 feet wide, is clear of brush, but has limited access for emergency vehicles. (5 pts)
C. Drive is obstructed or minimized by brush. No access for emergency vehicles. (10 pts) _____

HOME:

3. A. Siding is non-combustible/heat resistant material (brick, stucco, block, aluminum, etc. 0 pts)
B. Home has vinyl siding. (5 pts.)
C. Home has wood or cedar shake siding. (10 pts) _____

4. A. Roof is non-combustible fire resistant material (tin, tile, class a fiberglass/asphalt Shingles. 0 pts.)
B. Roof has non-rated / combustible shingles. (Usually found on older homes. 10 pts.)
C. Roof has cedar shake shingles. (15 pts) _____

5. A. Chimney has a spark arrestor and is capped. (1 pt.)
B. Chimney is not capped. (5 pts) _____

6. A. Gutters are cleaned of debris. Eaves are boxed. (1 pt.)
B. Gutters are not clean. Eaves are boxed. (5 pts.)
C. Gutters are not clean. Eaves are not boxed. (10 pts) _____

7. A. Windows are double-pane, tempered glass. (1 pt.)
B. Windows are single-pane. (5 pts.) _____

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8. **A.** Attic vent is covered with 1/8 inch mesh screening. (1 pt.)
   B. Attic vent is not covered. (5 pts.) _____

9. **A.** Deck is screened underneath with lattice and 1/8 inch screened mesh. (1 pt.)
   B. Deck is not screened. (10 pts.) _____

10. **A.** Wooden fencing or trellis is located 10-12 feet from the home or is a non-combustible material. (1 pt.)
    B. Wood fence or trellis is less than 10 feet from the home or is in direct contact with the home. (5 pts.) _____

LANDSCAPING:

11. **A.** Property is landscaped with drought resistant plants. Shrubs are at leased 5 feet from structures. Pea gravel, lava rock or chunky bark is used in place of mulch. (1 pt)
    B. Shrubs and other landscaping are less than 5 feet are in direct contact with the home. Shredded bark or other flammable materials (e.g. grass) have been used for mulch. (10 pts) _____

12. **A.** Overhanging limbs have been trimmed to a height of 10 feet above structures. (1 pt.)
    B. Overhanging limbs are less than 10 feet from structures. (5 pts) _____

PERIMETER:

13. **A.** Home has 100 feet or more of defensible space cleared from the wildland/urban interface. (1 pt.)
    B. home has 30-100 feet of defensible space. (3 pts)
    C. home has less than 30 feet of defensible space. (10 pts) _____

14. **A.** Firewood, LP gas tanks and other flammable hazards are at leased 50 feet from structures. LP tank is cleared of overgrown brush within at leased 15 feet of tank. (1 pt)
    B. Firewood is stacked on porch or against home. LP tank (if applicable) is less than 50 feet from the home. (5 pts)
    (If LP tank is obstructed with overgrown brush add 5 pts.) _____

15. **A.** Storage shed or out buildings are equipped with a rake, shovel, ladder, and hose that are easily accessible. (1 pt)
    B. Outbuildings are not equipped with tools. (5 pts) _____

Total from this page _____
Total from first page _____
Grand total _____

SCORE VALUES	HAZARD RATING
11 points or less	Low hazard
12 – 30	Moderate hazard
31 – 81	High hazard
82 – 125	Extreme hazard