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EOC Update

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Firesmart your home today

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With drier weather coming our way, it is important that we be ready and prepared for potential fire action. If you are within an evacuation alert area, be prepared that you could be asked to leave your residence again should another evacuation order become necessary due to fire movement.

The Emergency Operations center is asking OKIB residents to do their part in protecting your property from fire. Here is a few tips on how you can minimize wildfire risk around your home:

- Prune branches off trees that are within 2 meters off the ground
- Make sure your roof and gutters are clean of any combustibles such as leaves sticks and pine needles
- Try to clear a minimum of 1.5 meters of space from bushes and objects around your house.
- Ensure that grass is cut in your yard and excess deadfall is cleared away
- Keep carports and porches clear of excess buildup of potentially flammable materials.

For a more complete list of what you can do to fire proof your home you can check out Firesmart Canada's resources on best practices: <https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/resources/>