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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

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Southeastern North Carolina Residents Urged to Prepare for Wildfire Season

As the dry season continues in Southeastern North Carolina, local officials are urging residents to take proactive steps to protect their homes and communities from the threat of wildfires.

By taking simple precautions, we can significantly reduce the risk of wildfires and ensure the safety of our residents.

Key Wildfire Safety Tips:

- **Create Defensible Space:**
 - Remove flammable vegetation like leaves, pine needles, and branches from within 3-5 feet of your home.
 - Trim trees and shrubs to create space between them.
 - Regularly clear debris from gutters and roofs.
- **Practice Safe Burning:**
 - Never burn on windy days.
 - Always have water and a shovel readily available.
 - Never leave a fire unattended.
- **Be Vigilant:**
 - Report any suspicious smoke or fire immediately .
 - Stay informed about current fire danger levels and weather conditions.
- **Develop an Evacuation Plan:**
 - Identify escape routes and designate a meeting place for your family.
 - Pack an emergency go-bag with essential supplies.

By working together, we can minimize the impact of wildfires and protect our communities, said Mayor Jean Toner. We encourage all residents to take these precautions seriously and prioritize wildfire safety this season.

Town of St. James Firewise Committee