



Adapting to Wildfire



Halloween Just Got Spookier

We love fall in Marin: crisp mornings and warm afternoons, brilliant foliage colors, and of course Halloween! But we have some *spooky* news...many festive Halloween decorations **increase your wildfire risk.**

Follow these tips to stay safe this Halloween season:

1. Remove plastic decorations that are close to your house. Plastic is made from petroleum, so in a wildfire these items can explode and spread fire.

2. Avoid hay bales. This dry material is the perfect kindling for an ember. Embers can travel miles ahead of an active wildfire.

3. Be aware of candles in jack-o-lanterns. Candles, as you well know...are fire! Be careful with open flames. A fire-safe option is using battery powered candles.

4. Remove festive mats. Often these mats are made from flammable materials.

5. Avoid dried flowers, wreaths, cornstalks, and crepe paper as decorations outside your house. These items are highly flammable.

6. Keep exits clear of decorations. Nothing should block escape routes, in and outside the home.

Celebrate Halloween AND reduce your wildfire risk.

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