

NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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BLOCK PARTY OVERVIEW

45 MIN- 1 HOUR OF TRAINING MATERIAL

INTRODUCTION / ICE BREAKER

CWS / ALERTS & COMMUNICATION TOOLKIT

RED FLAG DAYS: GO BAGS / PARKING / EVACUATION PROTOCOL

HOME HARDENING / DEFENSIBLE SPACE - PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

TRAINING, RESOURCES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEEDBACK SURVEY & OPEN FORUM



BLOCK PARTY ICE BREAKER TRIVIA



PUBLIC EVENTS - SOFT OPENINGS

MARCH 19 - Colusa Circle 5K

APRIL 30 - Shred & Med Drop Off

MAY 19 - Kensington Hilltop Carnival

MAY-JUNE - BLOCK LEVEL TRAININGS



HOME HARDENING CAMPAIGN



HARDEN YOUR HOME AGAINST WILDFIRES

CLEAN DRY DEBRIS FROM RAIN GUTTERS



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WEED ABATEMENT



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ROOFING & SIDING



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COVERING VENTS & OPENINGS



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Fire Hazard Reduction Checklist



Zone 1 Requirements

Definition: Zone 1 extends 30 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc. in all portions within the community of Kensington including the designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity (VHFHS) Zones

- Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds within 30 feet of buildings, structures, decks, etc.
- Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
- Trees shall be maintained so that no portion is closer than 10 feet from any chimney opening.
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- On mature trees, limbs should be removed up to 10' above the ground. Smaller trees should be limbed to 1/3rd of their height up to 6' above the ground, but in no case less than 18 inches from the ground.
- Relocate wood piles to Zone 2 if applicable.
- Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows.
- Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from around and under decks.
- Create a minimum 6-foot separation between trees, shrubs or vegetation and combustible materials.
- Vacant lots in Zone 1 shall be maintained to be 30 feet wide along the property line.

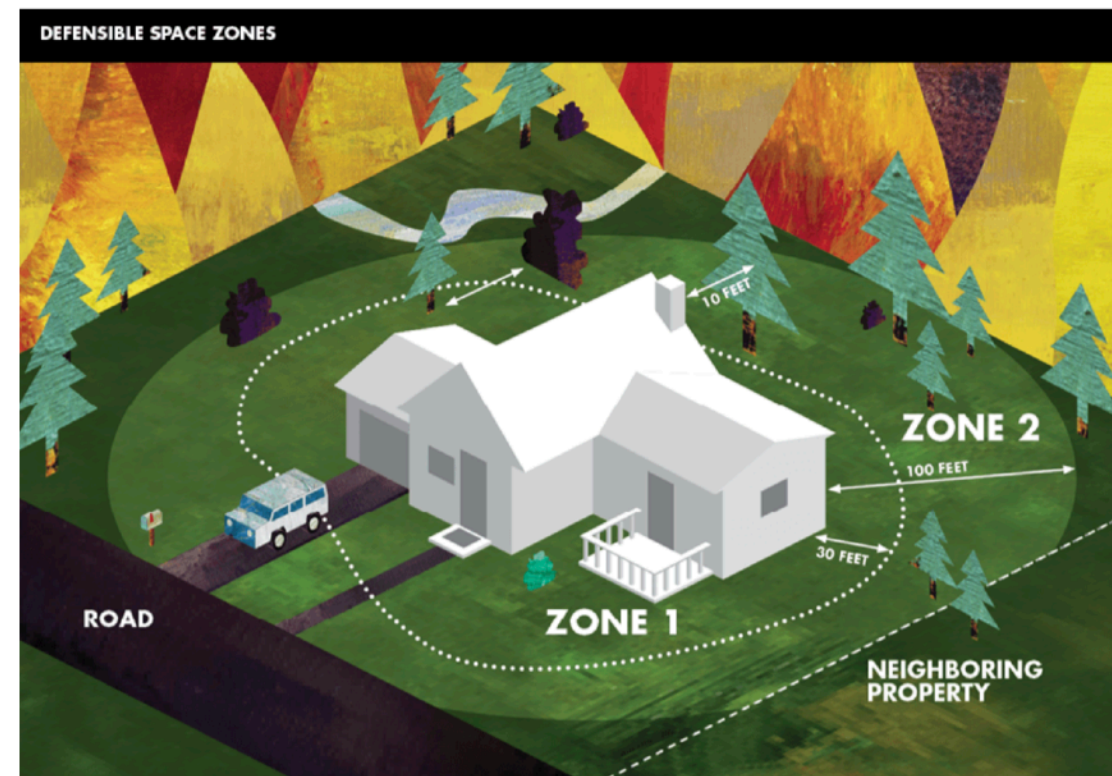
Zone 2 Requirements

Definition: Zone 2 extends from 30 feet to 100 feet out from buildings, structures, decks, etc. in only those areas within the community of Kensington designated as the Very High Fire Hazard Severity (VHFHS) Zones. **NOTE: All Zone 1 requirements shall be followed in addition to the following Zone 2 requirements:**

- Cut or mow weeds and grass shall be cleared to a maximum height of 6 inches.
- All fire hazardous vegetation **except for weeds and grass** shall be cleared and maintained to a height no greater than 18 inches above the ground.
- Vacant lots in Zone 2 shall be maintained to be 100 feet wide along the property line.

To find out if your property is located within the designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity (VHFHS) Zones, visit: <https://egis.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ/> On the upper right side of the page, click on the "Address Search" button.

Kensington Fire Protection District Fire Hazard Reduction Guidelines



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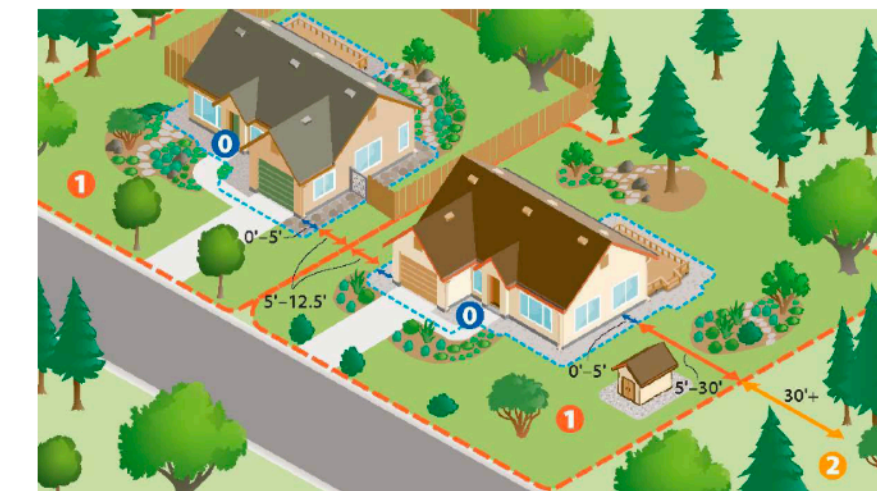


Home Fire Hazard Reduction

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- ZONE 0** 0-5' from structures
- ZONE 1** 5' from house to 30' away
- ZONE 2** 30' -100' away from house

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WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS WORKBOOK

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HOME AND PROPERTY INSURANCE

Having the right amount and type of insurance and well-organized records makes a world of difference after a disaster. Make sure that all your insurance information is in-place and that your policy is up-to-date and coverage is sufficient well before it's needed.

HOME INVENTORY

DOCUMENT

First Contact Your Insurance Agent

Ask what documentation is required should you ever have to file a claim. The likely answer is a detailed inventory list with item descriptions, photos or videos, serial numbers and receipts. Any items without a specific market value, such as jewelry or art, should be appraised by an independent expert.

Then Document Everything You Own

There are a number of home inventory apps that provide an easy and fast way to document your property and securely store the records. Or you can use a spreadsheet (a free example is at: www.uphelp.org) or just write down items on paper. You do not want to rely on your memory after a disaster strikes!

Go Room-by-Room and Inventory All Contents

Note when each item was acquired and what it cost, if you can. Recording serial numbers for more expensive items can be helpful if a theft occurs. Open drawers, closets, etc., and empty containers and boxes. Remember that your attic, basement and garage are part of your property, too.

PHOTOGRAPH OR VIDEOTAPE - As you create your inventory document, take photos or videos with your phone or a digital camera of each room and all its contents. The easiest method is to make a video, narrating as you record. Photograph or film the entire space, including every wall, the ceiling and floor. Describe every item and feature, such as light fixtures and hardwood flooring, to the best of your ability. More detail is better than less.

DIGITIZE AND STORE ONLINE - The most complete home inventory is worthless if you can't access it or if it is destroyed in the disaster. Scan and digitize all paper documents such as passports, birth certificates, titles and deeds, family photos, wills, financial documents, etc. Scan all receipts you have for major purchases. And if you wrote down your inventory list on paper, scan that as well.

Store all your digitized home inventory files, photos and/or videos on-line using "cloud" storage services such as iCloud, Dropbox, Google Drive, etc. As an additional backup, copy all these files on to a USB/thumb drive and give it to a trusted out-of-state friend or relative for safe-keeping, or store it in a bank safe deposit box.

Refresh your home inventory and take new photos or videos at least every two years, or more often as property is added.

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HOME HARDENING FOR EARTHQUAKE

In an earthquake or other disaster, many items in and around your residence can become hazards. Take steps now to minimize the amount of damage to your family and property.

MINIMIZE HAZARDS INSIDE YOUR RESIDENCE

HOT WATER HEATER - If your water heater tips over or breaks in an earthquake it can cause injury, possible explosion, or fire if the gas line breaks. Strap your water heater securely to the wall studs in two places with a water heater strapping system. Use flexible gas and water connectors.

LARGE ELECTRICAL AND GAS APPLIANCES - Movement during an earthquake can pull on electrical cords, breaking them and creating a potential for fire. Check electrical cords to make sure that they are long enough to allow for movement of up to a few feet. Broken gas lines can cause a fire and/or an explosion. Have a qualified professional replace all short, non-flexible gas lines or connectors on gas appliances with longer, flexible connectors.

CABINETS - Be careful when opening cabinet doors after an earthquake because items may have shifted and could tumble out. Install strong latches on kitchen, laundry room and bathroom cabinets to keep the contents from flying or spilling out. Lay soft rubber shelf covering on dish and canned good shelves.

HEAVY OBJECTS - Heavy items can become flying objects during an earthquake and may cause injury. Secure computers, microwave ovens, stereos and other items with fasteners or straps such as hook-and-loop tape. Secure breakable objects with products such as quake (museum) wax or gel. Place heavy objects only on lower shelves.

PICTURES AND MIRRORS - The shaking during an earthquake can cause pictures to fall off walls and break the glass into sharp shards. Fasten large pictures and mirrors securely by hanging them with a wire on a closed or "maze" hook. Use clear acrylic plastic instead of glass to cover pictures. Avoid having glass and heavy objects around or over your bed or where you often sit.

TALL AND HEAVY FURNITURE - Top-heavy furniture such as entertainment centers, bookshelves or dressers can tip over during an earthquake, causing injury or damage. Securely fasten these to the wall studs with metal "L" brackets, cable straps or specially-designed flexible hook-and-loop straps that allow slight movement during an earthquake.

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS - During an earthquake, containers of household chemicals can tip over and spill, causing potentially dangerous conditions. Limit the amount of hazardous materials in storage. Store chemicals in their original containers in a shallow pan on a low shelf or inside cupboards that can be securely latched to limit possible leaking, splashing or dripping.

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What to know and what you can do to prepare.

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Reducing the Vulnerability of Buildings to Wildfire: Vegetation and Landscaping Guidance

Introduction

What can Californians do to improve the chances that their homes will survive a wildfire? The good news is that research demonstrates that a home's odds of surviving a wildfire can be substantially improved through careful attention to three principles: (1) thoughtful landscape design aimed at reducing and separating combustibles (vegetation, lawn furniture, and other landscape assets) within the defensible space on a property, (2) retrofitting homes to resist wildfire, and (3) implementing ongoing maintenance of the home and landscaping to reduce combustible materials (for example, leaves and needles) and to address the wear and tear that homes incur over time.



This publication acknowledges the importance of a coupled approach to improving the odds of home survival—an approach that encompasses the home as well as the vegetation and other combustible materials on the property. However, this publication focuses primarily on landscaping issues on a property; more detail about home hardening can be found in publications listed in the reference section (IBHS 2019; Quarles et al. 2010).

Preparing for wildfire does not have to be costly. The first step is to understand the three types of exposures that can threaten a home during a wildfire so that actions specific to the context of an individual's home and landscape can be prioritized.



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LANDSCAPING TO REDUCE FIRE HAZARD

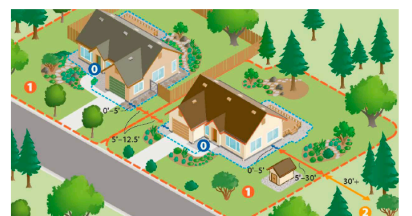



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SESAME STREET FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM

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BOOTH DISPLAYS



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ARE COMING.**

ARE YOU READY?

PREPARE NOW!


- REGISTER FOR ALERTS
- PACK A GO BAG
- BE READY TO EVACUATE

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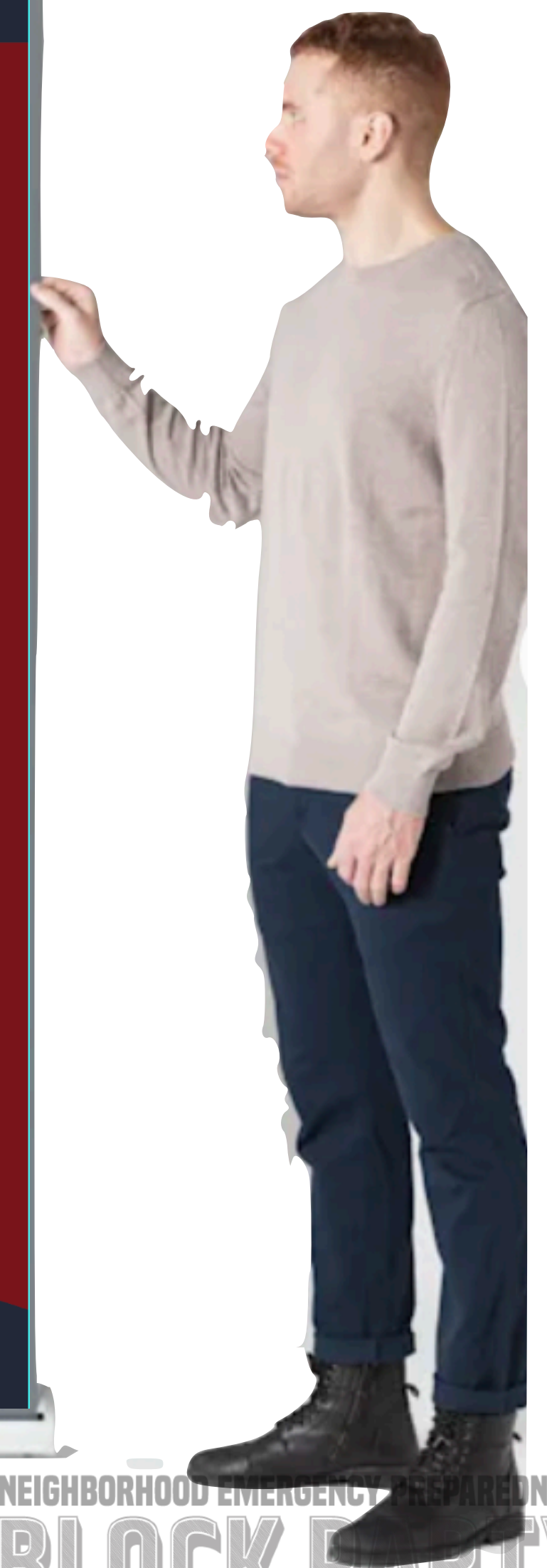
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**HOW WILL YOU KNOW AN
EMERGENCY
IS HAPPENING?**

**DON'T MISS
CRITICAL INFO.
SUBSCRIBE!**

- CWS ALERTS
- NIXLE
- KFPD EMAIL

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BOOTH DISPLAYS / EMERGENCY KIT EXAMPLES



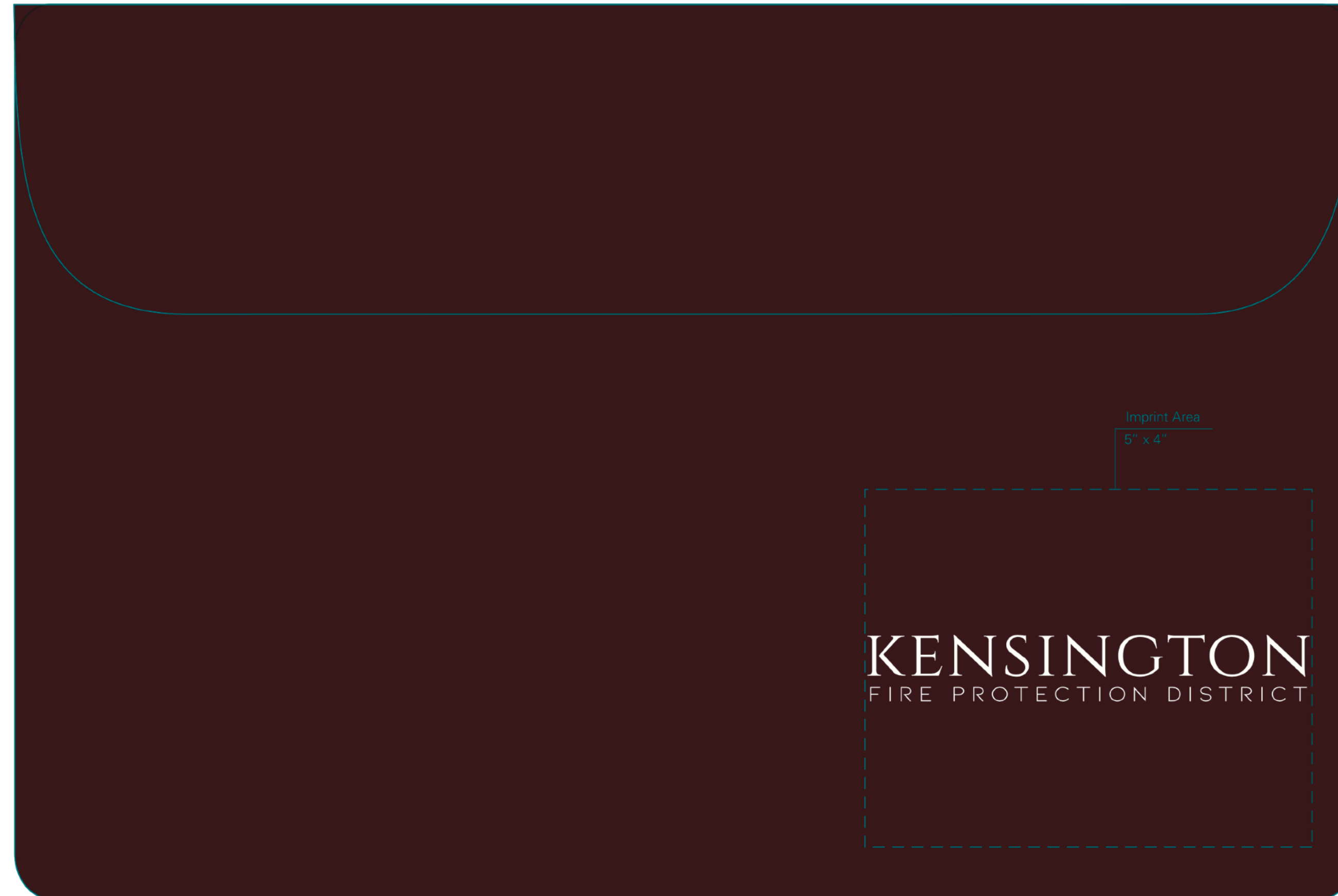
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BOOTH DISPLAYS / ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY KIT ITEMS



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BRANDED SAFETY PROMOTIONAL ITEMS



MISC. ITEMS

