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Crest Fire Safe Council has information for you!

Are you having problems finding fire insurance for your property? If so, the **California FAIR Plan**, an association of all property insurers licensed to conduct business in California, may be able to help. The Plan began in 1968 to make basic property insurance available to individuals, living in specific geographical areas, who experience problems obtaining insurance from the voluntary insurance market. This group is often able to write basic fire insurance policies for those unable to obtain insurance by other means. No state, federal or local funds are used to support or subsidize this plan. The Plan issues a general policy on behalf of all its members. All premium costs and deductibles are shared by members of the Plan and losses are paid through the group instead of a single insurer. For more information, contact www.cfpnet.com.

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Educational thoughts for this season:

WILDFIRE F.L.A.M.E.S.

Family - Prepare them now! Something as massive as a wildfire will affect your whole family.

Landscaping – Ensure you have at least a 100 feet of defensible space around your home. Clear dry weeds and grass and limb up trees. Remove woodpiles, propane tanks and combustible materials away from your home. Simple and subtle steps can make your property more fire resistant.

Awareness – Time is crucial in an emergency. Stay alert to the threat of wildfire. Have a portable radio or scanner and continuously monitor the media for the latest wildfire information.

Mapping – know your neighborhood and map all evacuation routes in case your usual way out is blocked. Make sure you are able to leave quickly by another way.

Evacuation – don't wait to be told by authorities to get out. Go early, rather than later, and get to a pre-determined spot out of the fire's perimeter.

Supply Kit – Take your previously compiled emergency supply kit containing family and pet necessities, including water, food, clothing, bedding, a first aid kit, medications and valuables.