



Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist

Gaston Rural Fire District

102 E Main St Gaston, OR 97119

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Exterior

- Make house number visible from street.
- Trim trees away from the roof.
- Have trees trimmed away from outside electrical wires.

For more information contact PG&E at:
1-800-542-8818

Heating Equipment & Fireplace

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from all combustibles.
- Replace furnace filters twice a year.
- Clean lint from behind clothes dryer.
- Install a spark screen in front of the fireplace.
- Dispose of ashes in metal containers.
- Keep newspapers and other combustibles away from water heater.

Electrical

- Avoid overloading of electrical circuits.
- Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage.
- Do not tack cords to the wall or run them under rugs.
- Maintain air space around electrical equipment.
- Install additional outlets by a qualified electrician to avoid using cube taps and extension cords.
- If you must use extension cords, use only the kind that have built-in circuit breakers.

Flammable Liquids & Hazardous Materials

- Limit the amount of chemicals stored.
- Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly (see below).
- Store hazardous materials in proper containers with tight-fitting lids and correct labels.
- Store hazardous materials away from heat sources.
- Allow proper ventilation when using hazardous materials.
- Put oily rags in metal containers with tight fitting lids.

For more information, contact:
DEQ 503-229-5393

Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles in when cooking to avoid burn injuries.
- Never store combustibles in oven or on top of stove.
- Move barbecue away from the house and off of wooden decks.
- Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers.

Smoking Materials & Candles

- Do not leave burning cigarettes or candles unattended.
- Use ash trays to contain cigarettes.
- Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Place candles in noncombustible, sturdy holders.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.

Smoke Alarms

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- Test smoke alarms once a month.
- Replace smoke alarm batteries every time you change your clock.
- Replace smoke alarm units every 10 years.

Fire Extinguishers

- Purchase multipurpose (ABC) extinguishers.
- Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher. (PASS)
- Inspect extinguishers annually.

Exit Drill in the Home (E.D.I.T.H.)

- Develop a home escape plan that includes:
 - Crawling low under smoke.
 - Two exits out of every room.
 - A meeting place outside
- Teach family members how to:
 - Dial 911 for emergencies.
 - Stop, Drop, and Roll.
- Conduct family fire drills twice a year.
- Teach babysitters what to do in an emergency.

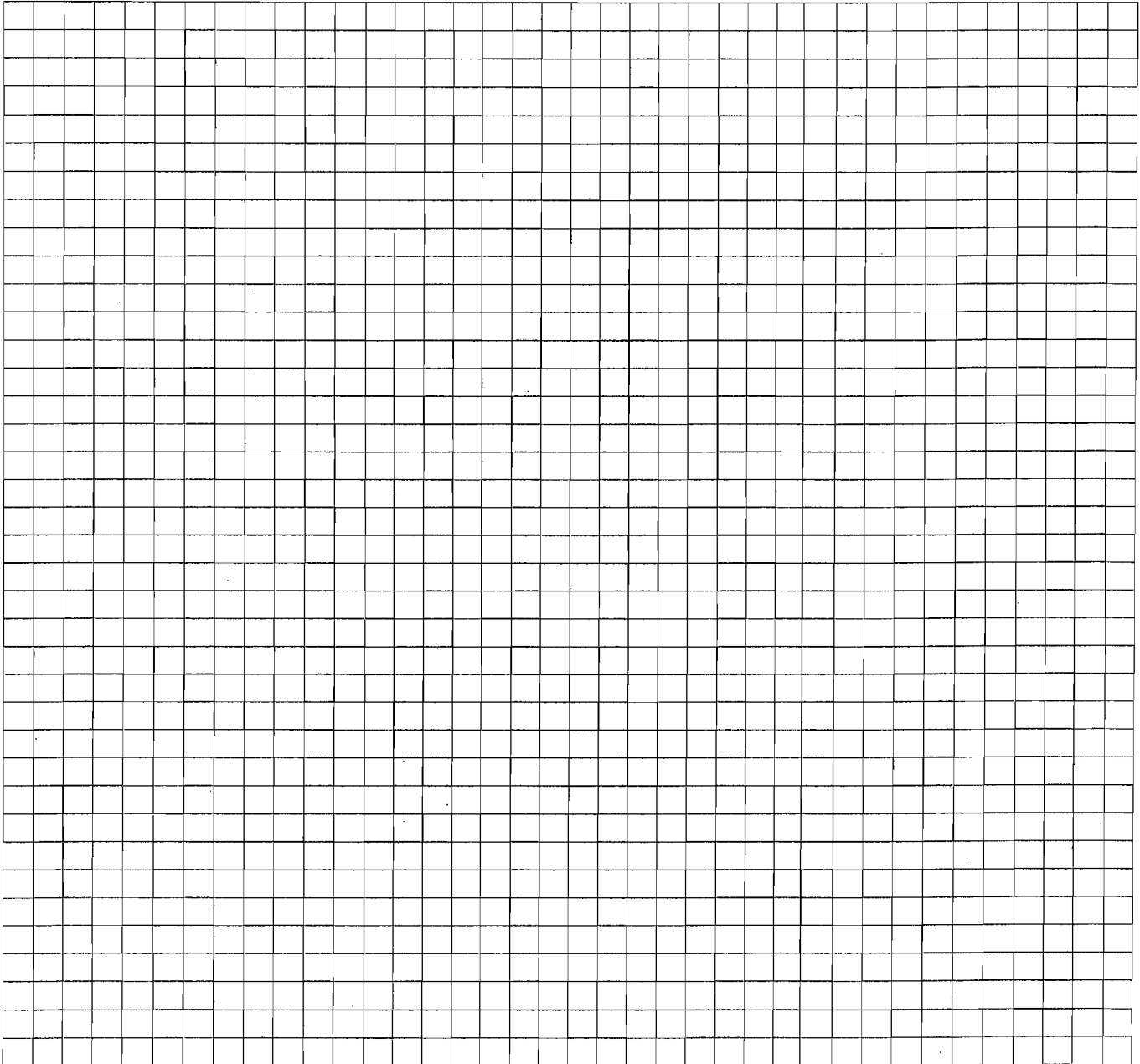
Use the grid below to sketch the floor plan of your home

When developing your home fire escape plan

REMEMBER to...

- ✓ Draw two ways out of every room
- ✓ Designate an outside meeting place

Our designated outside meeting place is: _____



Correct behavior is learned so...PRACTICE! PRACTICE! PRACTICE!

Smoke Alarm Testing Schedule

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