

Cottager Fire Safety Checklist

The recent wildfires and ongoing drought are urgent reminders of the importance to know which steps we can all take to reduce the risk of fire to our beloved Chautauqua community. The checklist below is based on the City of Boulder’s Home Safety Survey Form, available at <https://bouldercolorado.gov/home-safety-survey-form>.

Please use this as a starting point to review and complete this year. Let’s all do our best to keep Chautauqua as fireproof as possible!

Action Item	Status	Date of Completion/Comments
Write a home fire escape plan and practice it yearly. Keep important papers together, and pet carriers accessible. For more information go to www.nfpa.org/factsheets	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	
Have at least one portable ABC-rated fire extinguisher in your home and familiarize yourself and all family members with how to use it.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	
Have working carbon monoxide alarms on every level and outside each sleeping area.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	
Test all smoke detectors to ensure they are working properly. Have smoke alarms on every level and in every bedroom.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	
Ensure all escape windows are operational and can be opened without difficulty in case a fire blocks you from the doors.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	
Post the Chautauqua evacuation routes in a visible, accessible place in your home (see below).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	
Ensure your cottage address number is clearly visible from the street. This may entail using night sky compliant lighting.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	

Schedule the City Fire Department to complete an exterior fire assessment. The assessment request may be completed at: https://bouldercolorado.gov/detailed-wildfire-home-assessment-request	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	
Check your home insurance coverage: is the replacement cost coverage high enough to build a new home?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	
Register your family for Boulder's emergency alert system at Boulder Office of Emergency Management: www.boulderoem.com	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	
Clean roof gutters and clear your roof of leaf debris.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	
Move any firewood away from your cottage and cover it with a flame-resistant tarp.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	
Move barbecue grills at least five feet away from your cottage walls when in use.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	
Screen any spaces below your porch or steps to keep vegetation from collecting.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	
Check exterior venting for adequate screening; flying embers can be pulled into your cottage if screening is inadequate.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	
Clear flammable vegetation away from the walls of your cottage.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	

Examples of what to include in your own "go kit" may be found at:
Boulder Office of Emergency Management Ready.gov, Make a Plan, Build a Kit

Other measures and/or Community Work

- Inform your neighbors if you will be gone for an extended period.
- Know who might need assistance in an emergency and make an action plan with them. If you yourself may need assistance, please reach out to the Cottager community so that you may be paired with an emergency helper.
- Participate in Chautauqua fire mitigation efforts, be they on the common grounds and gardens, or in support of private owners who may need assistance with their own fire mitigation action plans.
- Remember that Chautauqua is a smoke-free environment and discourage smoking on your own property.
- Outdoor grills must have a fuel source that can be turned off (propane, gas). Charcoal grills are not allowed.

The CCA has agreed to the following Chautauqua evacuation plan with respect to traffic flow. Please keep these plans posted in a clearly visible space in your home.

