A SAMPLING OF HOME ASSESSMENT ITEMS Walls made of wood products such What is the roof made of? Asphalt **Spark arrestors should** as boards, panels, or shingles are shingle, metal, slate, clay or terrabe welded or woven wire combustible. Vinyl melts. Brick, cotta tile, cement and concrete and have less than 1/4 cement, masonry or stucco are products are best. Wooden shingles inch opening. No vegmore fire-resistant. are more prone to burn. etation within 10'. Are gutters, eaves. Is the deck and the clear of roof free of combustible leaves, pine items such needles, as baskets. and other dried flower debris? arrangements, and flammable furniture? Inspect within 30' of the house. Plants should be Is there 3-5 feet of Do open and lattice areas have Are windows multisparse and the low flammability variety. Keep woodnonflammable area 1/8 inch metal screening? Is the paned, tempered and

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screens?

covered with metal

A Firewise home assessment simply means inspecting a variety of items. Assessments are not complicated and take only a small amount of time to complete. A few of the items include vegetation type, steepness of the home site, how close your neighbor's house is to yours, and if there's a wood pile or propane tank within 30' feet of your house. The photo above shows additional items that are included in a home assessment. You can get an assessment form from the Tennessee Division of Forestry and at www.BurnSafeTN.org, plus your local fire department may have a copy. Also, feel free to ask for a free home inspection!

next to house? No

grass, wood chips,

pine straw, etc.

piles, propane tanks and

house and outbuildings.

combustible material from

area underneath decks free of

leaves and other flammables?