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Fire season has kicked up in California and we have already witnessed several dangerous and destructive fires throughout our state and even in our district. Our brave firefighters are working tirelessly to keep us safe.

As we deal with record heats, there are a few simple steps you can take to help do your part in preventing wildfires.

- Check your tire pressure to ensure that your rims are not directly exposed to pavement.
- Be careful when driving through dry brush as your exhaust pipes can start a fire. In San Diego County, almost 25% of brush fires are started by vehicles pulling off county roadways onto grassy shoulders.
- Keep a shovel and fire extinguisher handy anytime you are doing yardwork with mechanical equipment.
- Make sure vehicles and lawn equipment are free of metal parts that could drag or create sparks.
- Allow at least 100 feet of defensible space around your home that is clear of dried grass or brush.
- Make sure your sprinklers systems are in working order, especially in grove and crop areas.

Our simple actions can assist our brave firefighters and keep our communities safe this fire season. For more information please visit fire.ca.gov or vcfpd.org

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