



The Farmington City Council recently adopted an ordinance that makes city residents and businesses eligible to take advantage of Weber Basin Water Conservancy District's Flip Your Strip Program.

With the enactment of this new ordinance, landscaping on new construction projects will look different than it has in the past in order to conserve water. While existing landscapes are not required to change, should any resident or business have interest in removing grass from their parkstrip, they are now eligible for some rebates from Weber Basin Water.

To learn more visit: <https://weberbasin.com/Conservation/Rebates>

Did you know that 50 % of homeowners in the U.S. don't have an emergency escape plan? In the event of a home safety emergency, every second counts. According to the National Fire Protection Association, you may have less than two minutes to escape after your smoke alarms sound. That's why it is important to be prepared by planning and practicing an escape route with the entire family for safe evacuation. By planning, practicing, and repeating your emergency escape plan, you can help ensure a safe escape.

Make an Emergency Escape Plan

- Walk through your home and identify multiple exits out of each room. If windows or doors are blocked, clear them so they can be easily accessed and opened to exit through.
- For two-story houses, consider equipping bedrooms with escape ladders to provide additional, safe evacuation routes.
- Dedicate someone to assist pets, small children, infants, elderly, or those with disabilities out of the home.
- Assign a meeting spot outside that is a safe distance away from your house (mailbox, tree, neighbor's house...). It is important that everyone in the household knows where to meet once they get out of the house.
- Ensure your street address is clearly visible on your home or mailbox for emergency first responders.
- If you have children, teach them to call 9-1-1 once outside at your meeting spot and help them memorize your home address.

knows the evacuation plan. This will give you peace of mind knowing that your family is prepared. To get started, download a [home escape plan worksheet](#).



If the Smoke Alarms Sound

Smoke alarms are just as important as your emergency route because they alert your family of a potential danger. Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside sleeping areas, and on each level. Be sure to test them monthly and replace the batteries every six months, or for hassle-free protection, upgrade to 10-year sealed battery alarms to eliminate the need for battery replacements. Remember, you may have less than minutes to escape so plan, practice, and repeat your escape route to help protect what matters most.

- Follow your family's escape plan.
- Get low and crawl under the smoke.
- Close doors behind you as you leave to slow the fire from spreading.
- Once everyone is out, stay out! You should never return into a burning building. Please leave this to the firefighters and inform them if someone is missing.
- Call 9-1-1 from outside the home.

Other Preventative Safety Measures

Take these preventative safety measures into consideration to help reduce your risk of fire.

- Make sure all kitchen appliances are in proper working order and are unplugged when not in use.
- While you are cooking, never leave the stovetop or oven unattended. A skillet or pot could easily overrun and catch fire.
- Ensure there is nothing surrounding the stove while it is in use, like dishtowels or food scraps, as they are potential fire hazards.
- Never leave lit candles or fireplaces unattended. It is important to be present near an open flame.
- Regularly have all vents and furnaces checked to help ensure your home is operating as safely as possible.
- Keep a fire extinguisher on every level of your home. Read the directions to be sure you know how to use it and regularly check it so in the event of a small fire, you have a working fire extinguisher and know how to use it.

Practice Your Emergency Escape Plan

Once you have your emergency escape plan, it's time to practice the evacuation route. It is recommended that you execute your escape plan twice a year, as well as at night. It is a good idea to draw a map of your home and plot the exits out of every room, so everyone