



## **FIREWISE: THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING**

In December, we take time to focus on our friends and family. And what is more important than their safety? Instead of the obligatory fuzzy slippers and sweet-smelling soaps as gifts, why not help the ones you care most about be FireWise.

A new fire extinguisher or two is always a handy gift. Perhaps your parents could use some state-of-the-art smoke detectors to replace the ones that have been there since you were a kid.

Do you have a neighbor who is elderly or otherwise unable to make their home FireWise? Perhaps you and your family could spend a day limbing trees and cleaning gutters. If you can't do it yourself, consider hiring someone to help as a gift.

Another great FireWise gift idea is fire-

resistant shrubs and trees. Perhaps December isn't the best time to plant them, but a gift certificate to a local nursery would do the trick.

As you and your family become more FireWise, it is important to pass that knowledge on. After all, fire isn't the only thing that can spread rapidly — information can, too. Point your loved ones in the direction of FireWise resources so they can learn what you already know: that every home- and property-owner must take the time to protect themselves.

Firewise team members to visit your home and offer advice. For more information on ways you can be FireWise, go to [www.firewisekp.com](http://www.firewisekp.com) contact FireWise Kenai Peninsula 260-4262 or [sharon.roesch@alaska.gov](mailto:sharon.roesch@alaska.gov).