



**PREVENT WILDFIRES**

***PIEDMONT WILDFIRE PREVENTION TEAM***

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### ***BURN DEMONSTRATION***

**(Columbia, SC)** Since escaped debris burns account for over 40% of the wildfires that occur each year in Lexington and surrounding counties, the Piedmont Wildfire Prevention Team has scheduled a media day to show how to safely conduct a yard debris burn. Here are the details concerning this event:

**DATE:** Friday, February 11

**TIME:** 11 a.m. until 12 noon

**LOCATION:** SC Forestry Commission Headquarters  
5500 Broad River Road, SC 29212

**WHAT WILL OCCUR:** Prevention team personnel will discuss the methods and products used to convey wildfire prevention messages to area residents. They will give facts and figures about fire causes in Lexington County; then they will walk through the steps to be taken to safely conduct a yard debris burn. A small brush pile will be lit as part of this demonstration.

#### **WHY MEDIA SHOULD COVER THIS EVENT:**

- raise public's awareness that escaped debris burns account for over 40% of wildfires
- demonstrate *safe & legal* burning practices

***THINK BEFORE YOU BURN***