



ADAMS COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

Vacant Properties

- Vacant properties that are secure and well maintained do not pose as much of a threat to public safety as properties that are open to unauthorized access.
- Securing vacant properties helps prevent fires and criminal activity.
- Firefighters are more likely to be injured fighting fire in vacant properties than any other property type.
- Fires in vacant, unsecured properties put neighboring occupied properties in danger of fire exposure, and can have a negative economic impact in the area.
- If possible, provide aggressive surveillance and patrol of the property.
- If surveillance and patrol is not possible, board up all entry points, including doors and windows.
- To prevent fires, remove all combustibles in or around the building. Trash accumulations are easy targets for vandals to ignite.
- In the long term, the better solution is to prepare the building for re-use.