

Hello John,

As I am writing this today, the smoke in the air has finally started to clear somewhat!!!! I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you about my experience using Barricade fire gel.

There has been no cell or phone service in my neck of the woods for about 10 days which was really scary for my family when I was up at my ranch getting ready for the fire that started on the 20th of Aug., 2015.

Luckily, I had just gotten off work at 1 pm and a close friend called to tell me that a fire had started about 5 miles from my house. I headed for home immediately and saw that the fire was surrounding homes on each side of the road. My neighbors were cutting fire lines with bulldozers and the fire was not raging out of control at that point. I reached my home and realized that the wind was really beginning to increase....that the fire would be bearing down on my place...and that I needed to begin the process of "Barricading" my home.

I climbed up my ladder to the second story, attached the hose to the eductor/nozzle system which went into the gallon of Barricade. All of my gallons of Barricade had been placed earlier at locations I knew I would need to protect.....DO NOT WAIT UNTIL YOU HAVE TO USE IT. I opened up the shutoff on my hose and I was in full fire-fighting mode.....I forgot about everything else....including the wind which was ripping right along. I wasn't sure how much or how thick the Barricade should be applied... (I think I also forgot about the Home Kit instructional video that I had watched at least twice) When I turned into the wind, I was gelled thoroughly in the face, my glasses were useless, and my hands were now useless as well for tightening the fittings on the gallon jug. When you said, "Be really careful, it's really slippery!" you were NOT kidding!!!! I scraped off my glasses, wiped my hands all over my clothes and just kept on applying the Barricade as best as I could. I wasn't sure that I had put it on correctly.

I proceeded to apply the Barricade gel to each section of my roof, under the eaves, walls, windows, and doors of my entire house...then my decks and finally the undersides of my decks and the logs supporting them. I didn't want to spray the gel directly onto my generator because it was still running and I didn't think it would be good for the electronics. So, I sprayed the gel onto a 6'x8' plastic tarp and covered the generator with it.

The fire was progressing towards me, but not as rapidly as I first thought. Each day I would lightly mist my house again, and the Barricade would rejuvenate to the 'slicker-than-snot' quality as the first day I applied it. Five days later, the Barricade gel would still be protecting my home.

I had to evacuate Wednesday evening. The fire did indeed ravage the neighborhood....when I got back to my home, everything was melted....except for the new generator with the Barricade-covered tarp on it, my flowers that were caught in the over-spray .....and , most importantly, my home was saved! It was not even scorched the tiniest bit! A neighbor told me that when he went past my house that it was completely engulfed in flames up to the eaves.

Big 8"x12" timbers were reduced to ash, wood piles, picnic tables, and pasture fences vanished as well as a 3500w generator, many irrigation hoses/fittings/cam-locks, tools, radial arm saw, building materials, a horse trailer and a hot tub. If it wasn't metal or didn't have Barricade on it, it was vaporized. My 8' tall water storage tanks are now wading pools and my 2 electric pumps were burned up as well.

I am just so thankful to God and to the Barricade company for producing such a fantastic product that truly works as it claims. And my deepest for the very prompt delivery of the 3 House Kits I ordered. My house is two-story and approximately 2,500 sq. ft. and I used 10 gallons of Barricade in protecting my home. I have made sure that everyone that I meet knows that I purchased the Barricade in July....just in case that the fire departments were really busy and couldn't get to my home ...I had a fighting chance of surviving.

So very grateful to all, I am

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Sheryl Curtis's home (under construction) in Okanogan, WA- This picture was taken right after the Barricade® fire gel had been applied. Note the gel on the windows and the 1500 gallon water tanks.



The fire hit her house five days after the application.

2015 Okanogan Complex Fire / Tunk Block  
Down my driveway

Sheryl Curtis

Antique Bob-Sled in foreground burned - fences to West burned, wood piles, picnic tables, etc, etc.

Fire still burning to the South of my house

nestled water storage tanks, hoses, pump, picnic table burned. Log upright was on fire (to left of Barricade Fire Gel jug). 5000 watt Honda generator under a gelled tarp survived (to right of gallons of gel - get elect. cord to light generator. Day after fire + 5 days after applying the fire gel/re-melt. House looks Perfect!

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