



THINK IT THROUGH BEFORE WILDFIRES START

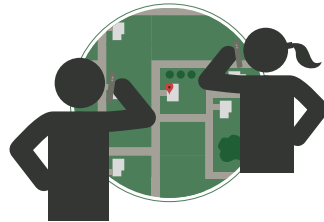
Preparing is the thoughtful thing to do.

Having a practiced routine and knowing what actions to take when a wildfire strikes are vital to staying safe.

Here are a few tips that can help you and your family prepare before wildfires even begin.

1. Organize a communication plan

- Choose a contact for all family members to get in touch with via phone or social media
 - Out-of-town contacts, who aren't in the wildfire area, are likely easier to reach
- Decide on a meeting place for your household members



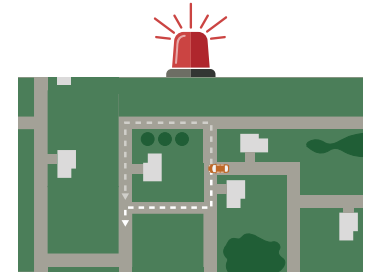
2. Build an emergency kit

- Consider the Five Ps of Evacuation when making your kit:
 - People
 - Prescriptions
 - Papers
 - Personal Needs
 - Priceless Items
- Water (one gallon of water per person per day)
- Food (three-day supply of non-perishables)
- Battery-powered radio
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle
- Protective masks
- Moist towelettes
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Manual can opener
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers
- Clothing
- Extra Keys
- Cash
- Important documents including insurance policies



3. Establish emergency/evacuation plans

- Know local law enforcement numbers, not just 911
- Have two safe ways out of your neighborhood
- When a wildfire threatens your area, evacuate early to avoid being trapped
- If there is smoke, drive carefully
 - Keep headlights on when driving
 - Watch for other vehicles and fleeing wildlife or livestock
- Learn your community's evacuation plan and additional escape routes in case roads are blocked
 - Include plans to evacuate people with disabilities and others with access or functional needs, as well as pets, service animals, and livestock



4. Stay tuned

- Pay attention to phone alerts as well as TV/radio weather updates, emergency instructions, and evacuation orders
 - NWS issues a fire weather watch when potentially dangerous fire weather conditions are possible over the next 12 to 72 hours
- Join email or text alerting systems for emergency notifications
 - To find out what alerts are available in your area, search the Internet with your town, city, or county name and the word "alerts"

