

9 timely tips for wildfire season



Add contacts to your phone

Include emergency numbers, your insurance agent, and a friend or relative who lives outside the area.



Know the emergency warnings

Fire weather watch: conditions are possible but not imminent

Red flag warning: take extreme caution because fires are ongoing or expected

Extreme fire behavior: a wildfire is likely to rage out of control



Stay tuned in

Pay attention to local news, community text and email alerts, and NWS. Ready.gov has a good starter list of sources.



Gather the essentials

- Driver's license, phone chargers, credit card or cash
- Important documents: insurance papers, birth certificates, passports, legal papers
- Medications and prescriptions
- Eyeglasses, hearing aids, medical equipment
- Diapers and formula
- Irreplaceable items, such as photos, mementos and jewelry
- Food and water



Plan your evacuation route

Know at least two ways to exit your neighborhood in case roads are blocked. Keep your car gassed up or charged (for electric vehicles) and parked for a quick escape.



Arrange a place to stay

Find emergency shelters ahead of time, or contact the American Red Cross.



Take care of pets

Call ahead to see if the shelter or hotel allows pets. Don't forget their crate, food, and any medicines they may need.



Agree on a place to meet

You can't assume your entire family will be together when a wildfire strikes. Know how to stay in touch and carry a backup list of numbers.



Prep your property

Scan the QR code for steps to take before, during and after a wildfire to help protect your home.



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