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# “For Safety’s Sake - Do Something”



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## WILDFIRES

Wildfires can happen anywhere! Whether caused by humans or nature, wildfires can start and spread very quickly. If a wildfire started near your home or in an area you are traveling, would you know what to do?

### BEFORE DISASTER STRIKES

- Make sure that any fire you are responsible for is extinguished when you leave that area (campfire, brush (leaf) fire, cigarette, etc.).
- Sign up for your community’s warning system.
- Know your community’s evacuation plans and find several ways to leave the area.
- Gather emergency supplies.
- Keep important documents in a fireproof (and waterproof), safe place.
- Use fire-resistant materials to build, renovate, or make repairs.
- Find an outdoor water source with a hose that can reach any area of your property.
- Create a fire-resistant zone that is free of flammable materials for at least 30 feet from your home.
- Review insurance coverage to make sure it is enough to replace your property. (Fire and flood.)
- Have a full tank of fuel.
- Be ready to leave in a moment's notice.

### SAFETY DURING A WILDFIRE EMERGENCY

- Evacuate immediately if authorities tell you to do so.
- If trapped, call 911 and give your location.
- Listen to alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions.
- Use an N95 respirator mask to keep from breathing in harmful particles.
- If you are not ordered to evacuate but smoky conditions exist, stay inside in a safe location or go to a community building where smoke levels are lower.
- Never drive around a closure or barricade.

### SAFETY AFTER A WILDFIRE EMERGENCY

- Listen to authorities to find out when it is safe to return, and whether water is safe to drink.
- Avoid hot ash, charred trees, smoldering debris, and live embers.
- Avoid damaged and downed utilities.
- Send text messages or use social media to reach out to family and friends.
- Make calls only in emergencies.
- Document property damage with photographs.
- Be aware. Wildfires change landscape and ground conditions, which can lead to increased risk of flooding.

This is a summary of wildfire safety. For more detailed information, please visit: <https://www.ready.gov/wildfires>

