

Preparing for a Wildfire

The risk of wildfires is greatest March 1st through May 31st, and again October 1st through December 31st. There are several methods you can use to protect your home and minimize the potential for damage from wildfires. Please click the links below to find out more and watch videos on ***Preventing Home Ignition*** and ***How Homes Burn in a Wildfire***.

Everyday Wildfire Prevention

Most wildfires are caused by humans — many everyday things can create sparks. Keep ignition sources far away from dry vegetation, wood, and other fuel.

- Have a clear 10 foot radius around campfires, burning brush, etc. Never leave fires unattended, and always properly extinguish.
- Maintain vehicle brakes & tires, and secure tow chains to avoid dragging. Don't drive on dry grass or brush.
- Use grills/smokers on gravel or paved surfaces.
- Water your lawn & keep grass cut. Mow lawn early in the morning and when it's not windy or excessively dry.
- Never toss lit cigarettes on the ground. Put ashes in a metal container with a tight lid.
- Keep water stored near campfires, fire pits, grills, smokers, burning brush, etc.

Always follow burn bans & regulations.
Be aware of weather conditions. Low humidity, heat, drought and winds are conducive to fires.

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Wildfires:

Wildfire Hazard Sheet <https://community.fema.gov/ProtectiveActions/s/article/Wildfire>
<https://www.ready.gov/wildfires>

<https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/wildfire>

Video: *Your Home Can Survive a Wildfire* NFPA
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vL_syp1ZScM

Video: *Wildfire: Prevent Home Ignition Part 1*, NFPA
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zx9-pZvKW2U>

Video: *Wildfire: Prevent Home Ignition Part 2*, NFPA
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_eyl87l3wqk&t=30s

Video: *How Do Homes Burn in a Wildfire?* NFPA
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QthynXympI>