



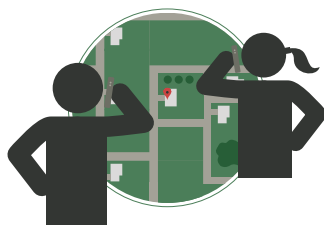
THINK IT THROUGH BEFORE WILDFIRES START

Preparing is the thoughtful thing to do.

2015 brought some of the worst wildfires we've seen to date. In order to minimize the impact of wildfires this year, we're focusing on preparedness as a means to help prevent you from suffering a loss. 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 an out-of-town contact for all family members to get in touch with, via phone or social media, as it is sometimes easier to reach people outside of your local area during an emergency
- Decide on a meeting place for your household members



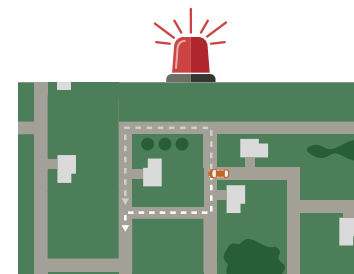
2. Build an emergency kit

- 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, TV/radio weather updates and emergency instructions or 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"

