

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



- 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







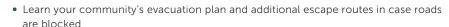
- · Protective masks
- Moist towelettes
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Manual can opener
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers
- Clothing
- Extra Keys
- Cash
- Important documents including insurance policies







- 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



 Include plans to evacuate people with disabilities and others with access or functional needs, as well as pets, service animals, and livestock



- 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"



