

IF A WILDFIRE IS APPROACHING, DO NOT HESITATE, EVACUATE!!

# WILDFIRE PREVENTION

## FIREWISE NEAR THE FOREST

A wildfire is an uncontrolled fire capable of wiping out areas of land. Wildfires may be ignited by a lightning strike, a downed powerline, people accidentally starting it, or arson. Wildfires may burn entire forests and last for days, weeks, or even months at a time. Wildfires can be slow-moving surface fires that burn along the forest floor or they can be crown fires, which are fast-moving and jump from treetop to treetop.

### CREATE A FIRE SAFE ZONE

**Vegetation:** Clear vines and overgrown grass within 100 feet of the home perimeter

**Flammable liquids:** Store in approved safety cans and place a safe distance from the home

**Firewood:** Stack it at least 100 feet from your house

**Grills:** Create a 10-foot clear space around propane tanks and barbeque grills

### BEFORE A WILDFIRE

Beyond creating a fire safe zone, there are steps you can take to reduce the risk of a wildfire tragedy. These steps include keeping your roof and gutters free of debris, cleaning chimneys once a year, instructing everyone in your home on how to properly use a fire extinguisher, and having fire-fighting tools such as rakes, axes, buckets, chainsaws, and shovels on hand.





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YEARS,  
WILDFIRES  
HAVE BURNED  
OVER 10  
MILLION  
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## **WHEN A WILDFIRE APPROACHES**

- Stay informed
- Have your vehicle face the direction of escape with keys in the ignition
- Turn off gas utilities
- Place lawn sprinklers on the roof
- Wet any vegetation within 15 feet of your home
- Inform someone when you leave and where you are going

## **AFTER A WILDFIRE**

Once the wildfire has passed, keep yourself and your loved ones safe. 1) Check with fire officials before returning to your home. 2) Check outside for hot spots and smoldering vegetation. 3) Check the roof and exterior areas of your home for sparks and embers. 4) Watch for flare-ups when re-entering your home. 5) Call 9-1-1 if any danger is found.

**PLAY YOUR PART.  
PREVENT WILDFIRES.**