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WILDFIRE SEASON GUIDE

A Resource Guide to Prepare You for Wildfire



Tanker 88 dropping fire retardant over the Jones Fire in August of 2020

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Fire Station Staffing During Fire Season



Your local Fire Agencies have been gearing up for what has started out to be a busy fire season. Dealing with staffing, a drought and extremely dry conditions has kept us all very busy.

One question that is often asked is about the staffing of our stations when we send firefighters and equipment to fires out of the area. Our number one priority is the staffing of our local stations. Most Fire Agencies have a maximum draw down meaning we will only send out crews if we can continue to staff our stations. Decisions on how many crews we send out is also based on what events are going on locally, and the availability of both paid and volunteer crews. Any Fire Agency that is short staffed or it is anticipated that they will be short on staffing will not commit personnel to a fire out of the area. All the area Chiefs stay in close communication with each other reporting their staffing and the ability to send personnel and equipment out of the area if needed.

So, what can you do to help us? You should have completed your Defensible Space work by now. Review the Ready Set Go booklet from the County's Office of Emergency Services (OES). This information was mailed out to all property owners several weeks ago. If you did not receive one, call your local fire agency or OES and we will get a copy to you. Make sure you are signed up for Code Red and become familiar with the County's new

notification system called Zonehaven and know your zone in case you need to evacuate. Make sure you have your go bag ready to go and leave if an evacuation is ordered.

Pay attention to the weather locally. If there is a Red Flag Warning you should be on higher alert and be ready to evacuate if a fire starts in the area. During Red Flag Warning days, we do our best to get the word out on all media sources as well as the posting of the Red Flag Warning Banners at all local Fire Stations and Government Buildings.

We will continue to provide the best fire service that we can, but we ask that you help us to help you.

-From your Fire Chiefs of Nevada County



Nevada County Fire Chiefs' Association

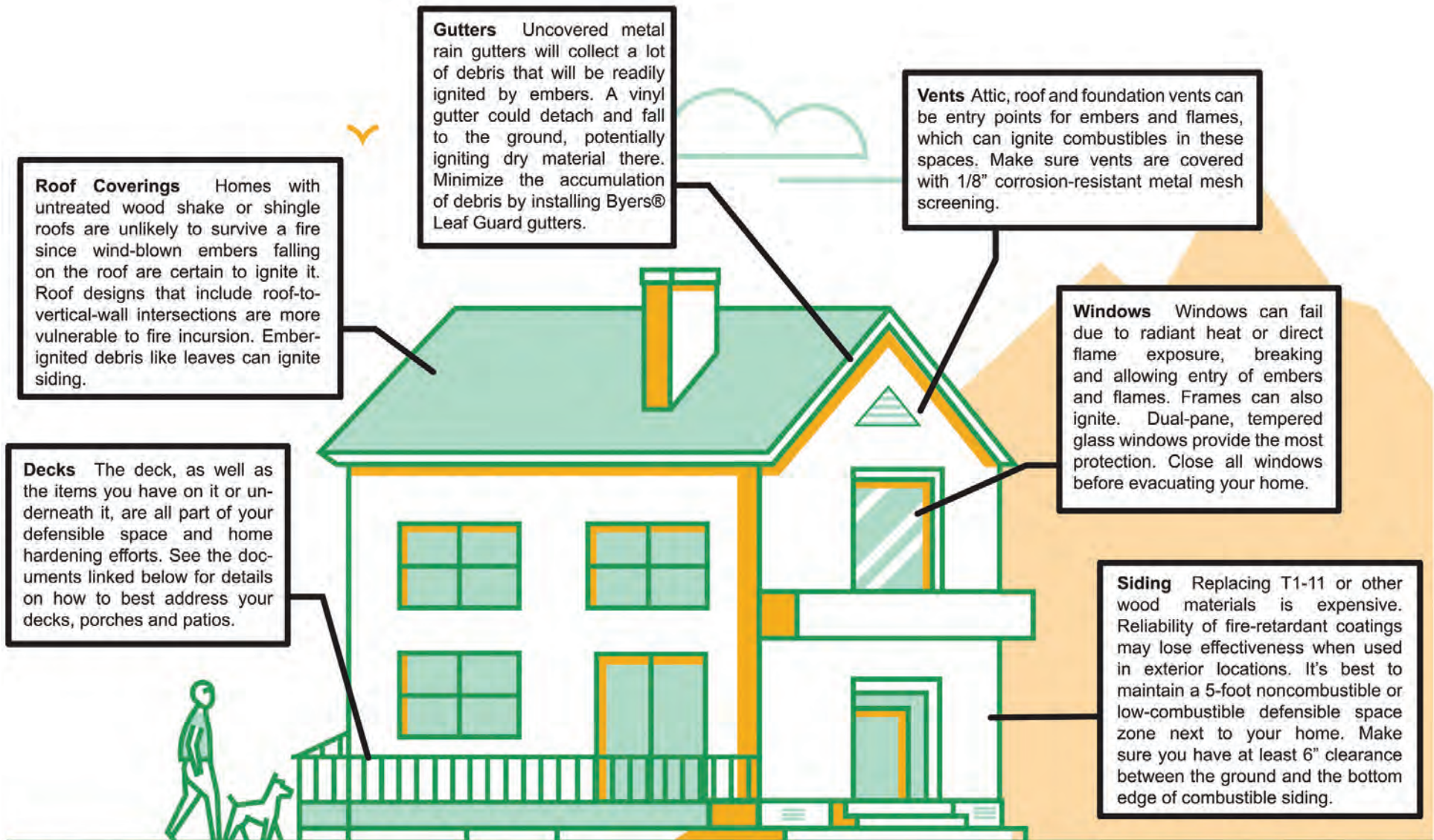
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HOME HARDENING: Your Next Step After Creating Defensible Space

The great majority of homes lost in a fire burn down as a result of wind-blown embers and firebrands that land on and around the house. NOT because the actual fire front reached your property. This is why defensible space is so important, and why a second step of "home hardening" will give you an additional layer of protection against wildfire. For more information, download these two excellent IBHS documents from the website of the Nevada County Coalition of Firewise Communities: and 11-page Homeowners Assessment checklist at www.tinyurl.com/IBHSChecklist, and a 40-page Home Hardening guide at www.tinyurl.com/IBHSHardening.



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About Defensible Space and Home Hardening

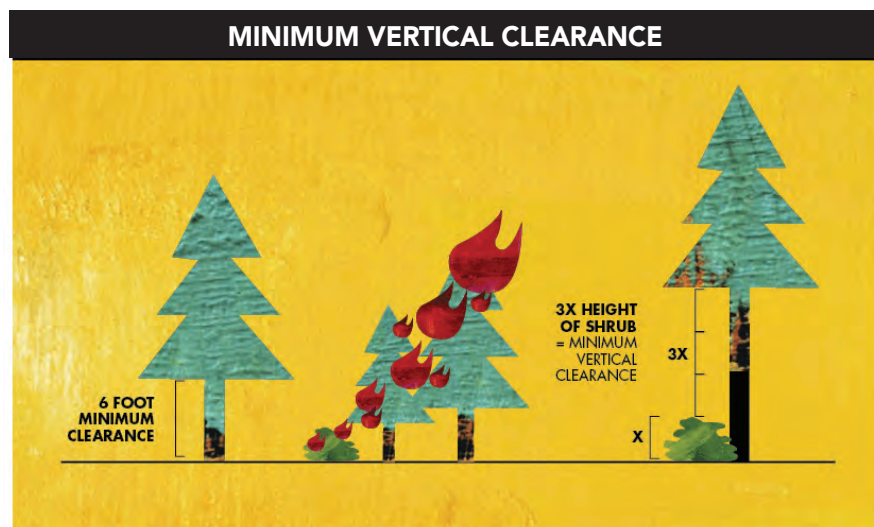
Creating and maintaining defensible space and home hardening are essential in increasing your home's chance of surviving a wildfire.

Plant and Tree Spacing

The spacing between grass, shrubs, and trees is crucial to reduce the spread of wildfires. The spacing needed is determined by the type and size of brush and trees, as well as the slope of the land. For example, a property on a steep slope with larger vegetation requires greater spacing between trees and shrubs than a level property that has small, sparse vegetation.

Vertical Spacing

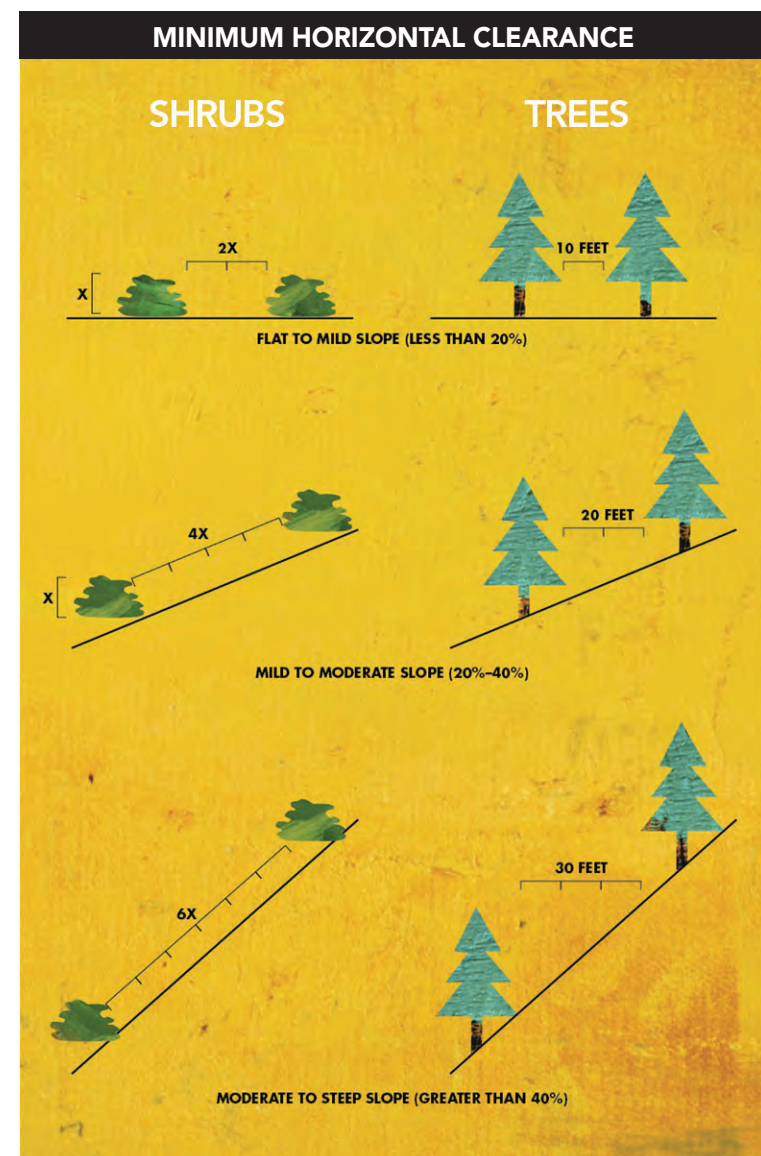
Remove all tree branches at least 6 feet from the ground. Allow extra vertical space between shrubs and trees. Lack of vertical space can allow a fire to move from the ground to the brush to the treetops like a ladder, which leads to more intense fire closer to your home. To determine the proper vertical spacing between shrubs and the lowest branches of trees, use the formula below.



Example: A five-foot shrub is growing near a tree. $3 \times 5 = 15$ feet of clearance needed between the top of the shrub and the lowest tree branch.

Horizontal Spacing

Horizontal spacing depends on the slope of the land and the height of the shrubs or trees. Check the chart below to determine spacing distance.



About Defensible Space and Home Hardening Continued...

Address

Make sure your address is clearly visible from the road.



Water Supply

Consider having multiple garden hoses that are long enough to reach all areas of your home and other structures on your property. If you have a pool or well, consider getting a pump.



**WILDFIRES DESTROY.
CREATE
DEFENSIBLE
SPACE AROUND
YOUR HOME.**

ReadyforWildfire.org



For more
information about
defensible space,
home hardening
and wildfire safety
and preparedness,
visit [www.ready-
forwildfire.org](http://www.ready-forwildfire.org)



WE CAN HELP YOU WITH WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Since 1989, the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County has provided education and services to help residents prepare for wildfire through grant funding, donations, and memberships.

Thank you, Nevada County for your generous support!

areyoufiresafe.com  **(530) 272-1122**

EDUCATION



Firewise Communities

We can help your neighborhood become a Firewise USA® Community by determining greatest areas of risk, developing an action plan, obtaining certification and helping with educational events.



Guest Speakers

Ask one of our Board Members, volunteers, or staff to talk to your group about managing vegetation, creating defensible space, or putting together an action plan if wildfire strikes the community.



Defensible Space Advisory Visits

One of our trained Defensible Space Advisors can walk with you around your home and help identify specific actions you can take to improve your defensible space and harden your home against wildfire.



Community Events

You'll see us at Scotch broom pulls, Wildland Urban Interface Drills, Children's Health & Wildfire Safety Carnivals, the Nevada County Fair, and other community events so we can spread the word about being ready for wildfire.

FIRE SAFETY



Green Waste Collection

We offer an annual green waste collection event at convenient drop locations to residents at no cost, thanks to the generous grant funding we receive from Nevada County OES and California Fire Safe Council.



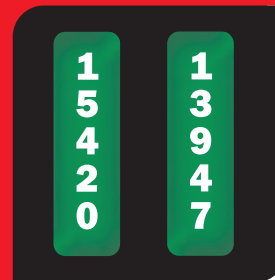
Chipping Services

Our chipping crews will come to your home or roadside to process the vegetation you've cleared and stacked, helping you to create defensible space and improve the safety of your evacuation route.



Fuels Reduction Projects

We manage grant-funded fuel reduction projects with local and federal agencies, creating shaded fuel breaks in critical areas to slow the spread of wildfire, and treat private parcels when right of entry is granted by owners.



Reflective Address Signs

Our volunteers produce green, reflective address signs at very low cost to property owners, helping first responders to locate your home as quickly as possible in the event of a life-threatening emergency.

Keeping Nevada County FireSafe



Become a Member
TODAY & Get Your Own
**FireSafe
Go Bag**



FIREWISE USA®
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS



Nevada County Coalition of Firewise Communities

Our all-volunteer organization supports the formation and day-to-day functioning of Firewise Communities through information-sharing and collaborative problem-solving, in coordination with key public agencies and the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County. All Nevada County residential areas certified as a Firewise Community under the NFPA's Firewise USA® Program, plus those considered "in training" by the Fire Safe Council, are considered members of the Coalition. Our monthly meetings have a featured speaker plus updates from Cal Fire, County OES and the Fire Safe Council. Visit our website for more information and a brochure on How to Become a Firewise Community.

nccoalitionfwc.com

Is Your Community Part of FIREWISE USA®?



If not, we can help you get started! Become better prepared for wildfire by identifying fire hazards, building community relationships, and developing a long-term action plan, USAA customers may receive a discount on insurance, too!

areyoufiresafe.com/programs



NID Works to Protect the Community



2,586 Total fire hydrants within the District's boundaries, including 35 new hydrants that have been paid for and installed by NID since 2020. We also work with local fire departments on hydrant placement to support their firefighting efforts.



1,556 Acres of District-owned lands have been cleared of hazardous trees and dense vegetation over the last five years. In 2020 NID completed 470 acres of hazard tree and fire fuels treatment. This was in collaboration with CAL FIRE and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy via their grant programs.



240k Annual visitors enjoy NID reservoirs and campgrounds that enforce high safety standards. NID personnel closely manage, monitor and inspect campsites to enforce rules and regulations, as well as educate visitors about fire safety.



2.4M Gallons of water supply is now available to firefighting air tankers to help combat wildfire regionally and around the state. A significant portion of this water is available because of NID's sediment removal efforts in Loma Rica reservoir.

LEARN MORE AND SUBSCRIBE TO NEWS AT [NIDWATER.COM](https://www.nidwater.com)



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Keep this section handy and refer to it when a fire breaks out.

Where's
the FIRE?

Don't speculate.

Go to these sources for accurate information.

 **CodeRED™**

BE SMART - Sign up today for CodeRED emergency alerts delivered to your landline, email, or mobile phone. Click on the CodeRED link at MyNevadaCounty.com/OES. Don't wait for an emergency to register.

Relying on social media or rumors could lead to mistakes that could cost you your life. The safest choice is to leave early, ahead of any evacuation order, to avoid traffic jams (see Fire Chiefs article on inside front cover).

RADIO



KVMR is Nevada County's Emergency Information Station
KVMR 89.5 FM in western Nevada County
KVMR 105.1 FM in Truckee/Tahoe
KNCO 830 AM
STAR 94.1 FM

PHONE



Dial 2-1-1, or 1-844-319-4119 to reach Connecting Point for official information on evacuations, shelters, road closures and more.
Cal Fire Hotline: (530) 823-4083 (call volume may be high)
9-1-1 is only for reporting emergencies that you are experiencing or witnessing

FACEBOOK



Nevada County Office of Emergency Services
YubaNet
The Union
KNCO Newstalk 830

TEXT



Sign up for SMS updates from CodeRED
Text your zip code to 888777 for the Nevada County Sheriff's Office SMS Alerts

TWITTER



@NevCoOES
@TheUnion
@YubaNet
@CAL_FIRE
@CALFIRENEU (Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit)

HI-LO



Listen for the Hi-Lo siren. These sirens will mean only one thing: LEAVE NOW. If you hear this siren, you must grab your Go Bag, your pet(s) and leave immediately.

INTERNET



YubaNet.com
TheUnion.com
MyNevadaCounty.com/oes
fire.ca.gov/incidents/

YOUR 5



Create a group of 5 friends, neighbors, or family members who commit to keeping each other informed when there's an emergency. See the Ready, Set, Go! booklet mailed by Ready Nevada County to your home for more information.

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Having a Plan is Important

Nevada County has the potential for several natural disasters with wild land fire being the number one hazard of our community. However, a variety of other emergencies including heavy rains, high winds, snow storms, extreme heat or cold, flooding, earthquakes, hazardous material releases and even acts of terrorism are all possible. These checklists will help your household to develop a plan and gather supplies so you can take care of yourself, loved ones, pets and neighbors.

Keep this plan in a convenient location and review it periodically.

Pre-Emergency To-Do List

Annually

Agree what family members should do if they are away from home when an emergency strikes.

Establish a meeting place away from your neighborhood to reconnect with loved ones
Our meeting place is: _____

Become familiar with more than one evacuation route from your home.

If underage children will be home without access to transportation, create an emergency exit strategy and arrange for a trusted neighbor or friend to take care of them.

Ask an out-of-state friend or relative to be your emergency contact because during a disaster, it is often easier to call long distance than make a local call. Everyone should be instructed to call this person with their location. In the event of a disaster we will call: _____

Plan how to care for your pets and livestock.
Check and restock emergency supplies (see 4-Day event.)

Identify the location of important documents such as wills, insurance policies, passports, social security cards, immunization records.

Scan or back up the family photos.

Keep copies of important files or documents on a memory stick, store in your go-bag, in a safety deposit box, or in a secure on line account for access from anywhere.

Update household inventory with a video/ photograph of house/personal effects for insurance.

Check portable water and chemical fire extinguishers.

Post a reflective house number sign at the road to quickly direct emergency crews to your home.

Check water supply and generator signage.

Have your street name clearly marked to help fire crews find your home.

Ensure you have adequate insurance coverage.

Test your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors monthly; change batteries at least once a year.

Hold a family meeting to review your emergency plan.

Ongoing

Check flashlights and replace batteries.

Ensure a wrench is by the propane tank to shut off gas quickly in an emergency.

During fire season, maintain vehicles with more than a half a tank of gasoline.

Keep gutters and roofs clean of leaves and pine needles.

Create and maintain 100 feet (and more on steep slopes) of defensible space around your home.

Stack firewood at least 30 feet from house.

Service (top off gas) and test emergency backup generator and water pump regularly.

Check garden hoses and store near water faucets.

Replace stored water and food at least every six months.

Prepare Your Go-Bag

Keep your stocked go-bag readily available for a quick exit!

A well-stocked first aid kit

One gallon of drinking water per person and pets, per day for 7 days

A variety of freeze-dried and canned food with a hand-operated can opener

Items required for infants or small children such as diapers, formula & bottles

Flashlights, candles, or battery-powered lanterns

Large box of wooden matches

Camping stove with fuel (cook in well ventilated areas only!)

Battery operated radio with extra batteries

Non-electronic telephone (old style phones without power cord will operate without electricity).

Cards, games, books and other things to keep your mind busy

Remember, you will still have all the amenities of your home
Such as hygiene supplies, warm clothes and blankets.
Just think of it as "Camping at Home."

TODAY! Go look up Your Zone!

For Your House, School, Business or
Other Important Location!

Step #1 - Go to community.zonehaven.com to open Zonehaven AWARE.

Step #2 - Type your address into the search bar and hit enter.

Step #3 - Find your zone in the pop-up window and write it down.



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How Much Time Do You Have To Get Out?

The amount of time you have will determine what you're able to pack and prepare during an evacuation. Choosing to leave BEFORE you get an Evacuation Order is your safest option.



0 - 10 Minutes

Load your medications, important documents, Go Bag, pets and supplies into vehicle.

Before you leave, disconnect any automatic garage door opener for quick access by emergency personnel.



10 Minutes-1 Hour

Close windows, vents, doors, Venetian blinds or non-combustible window coverings and drapes.

Shut off gas at the meter. Turn off propane tanks including BBQ and other portable tanks. (After fire threat passes, call gas company to re-establish service if assistance is needed.)

Close fireplace or woodstove flues, screens and/or doors.

Move flammable deck/patio furniture and cushions, brooms, doormats, and other flammable items into the center of the home away from windows and glass doors, OR move/throw them into the yard, at least 30 feet away.

Turn on a light in each room to increase the visibility of your home in heavy smoke. Erect ladders against house and place firefighting tools (rake, shovel, chainsaw) in front of house.

Connect garden hoses to outside taps and sprinklers.



1 hour to 4 hours

If available, set up portable gasoline-powered water pump.

If combustible materials are present, place lawn sprinklers on the roof and near above-ground fuel tanks and wet down. Do not leave unattended - turn off when you leave your home.

Wet or remove shrubs within 30 feet of home.

Seal attic and ground vents with precut plywood or heavy aluminum foil.

Protect water sources. Wet down pump house, clear flammable vegetation away from supply infrastructure.

Evacuate livestock.

Evacuation Planning

Successful evacuations require good planning and great coordination - amongst families, neighborhoods, communities and agencies. Due to the highly variable nature of fire, evacuation routes will be determined in the event of a wildfire based on the direction the fire is moving.

The best rule of thumb is to have at least 2 exit routes planned. Every member of the household should know all possible ways to get out of your neighborhood in case one or more exit routes are blocked. The best way to familiarize yourself with possible exit routes is to drive your neighborhood.

Two escape routes from our home are:

1.

2.

IF YOU ARE EVACUATED

Follow instructions and cooperate with emergency personnel.

There are multiple community evacuation destinations to which you may be directed and the location may not be the closest to your home.

Notify an out of area contact person to inform them of your location and status.

Leave a note with your emergency contact information and out of area contact on your refrigerator or kitchen table in the event emergency crews need to contact you.

Take only essential vehicles - the more vehicles, the more congestion on the road. Larger vehicles such as horse trailers and RV's clog evacuation routes and endanger everyone's life.

Put on long trousers, heavy shoes, cotton long sleeve shirts, gloves and scarf. Polyester and synthetics melt!

Stay clear of any downed power lines and poles. Always assume they are live!

Early evacuation in the face of a life-threatening wildfire is the single most important thing a resident may do to protect lives. History has shown that individuals who chose to stay and fight a wildland fire soon understand that they were not prepared to be a firefighter.

Get information from the sources listed on the previous page regarding local media for local evacuation center destinations. American Red Cross shelters are listed online at www.redcross.org

Have an out-of-town evacuation destination in mind, as local resources may be limited.

How to Prepare for Wildfire Each Month

JULY

Report illegal fireworks to 9-1-1
Obtain permits for any campfires
Mow before 10AM with a spotter and water source nearby
Get ready for Red Flag weather
Keep evacuation vehicles fueled and pointed outward, with garage door open and go-bag ready

AUGUST

Check generators for operational safety
Prepare for PSPS Events
Talk preparedness and evacuation plans with "Your Five" <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/2760/Find-Your-Five-Share-Your-Plan>

SEPTEMBER

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH
Check go-bag for appropriate supplies as weather changes
Be aware of North winds and Red Flag Warnings
Re-check your defensible space
Clean gutters and roofs
Rake pine needles and leaves

OCTOBER

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT 9TH-15TH Visit NFPA.org for info
North winds and Red Flag weather continues. Stay vigilant!
Sweep chimneys to prevent fires
Burn ban still in effect until you hear it's lifted from an official source

NOVEMBER

CALIFORNIA CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS MONTH
Check your CO/smoke detectors
Get your reflective address sign
Schedule a defensible space advisory visit
Sweep chimneys to prevent fires and clear encroaching vegetation
Limb-up branches of trees

DECEMBER

YEAR-END GIVING TO FIRE SAFE COUNCIL of NEVADA COUNTY
Practice tree/holiday decoration safety
Why burn? Schedule chipping services through Fire Safe Council
Give the gift of safety: signs, chipping, CALSTAR membership

JANUARY

RENEW MEMBERSHIP OF FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
Safely dispose of holiday tree
Talk to neighbors about defensible space advisory visits
Revise go-bag contents
Video home contents for insurance
Winterize gas powered equipment

FEBRUARY

Sign up for/update CodeRed account: www.mynevadacounty.com/codered
Talk to neighbors about defensible space advisory visits
Properly store or dispose of oils, rags and other combustibles
Check flashlights and batteries

MARCH

IT'S NOT LUCK! Visit ready.gov for preparedness tips
Participate in Scotch Broom Challenge
Scan important documents or photos
Perform Spring home improvements like roof maintenance, gutter repair, deck repair
Get ready for Green Waste Collection

APRIL

Check your landscaping for firewise plants and placing
Attend the Home & Garden Show
Create a defensible space checklist
Prepare priceless items for your go-bag (photos, recipes, mementos)
Celebrate Arbor Day by inspecting the health of trees on your property

MAY

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY MAY 4TH Tell them thank you!
Attend Children's Health and Wildfire Preparedness Carnival
Practice family/pet evacuation plan
Work on defensible space and prepare for the Residential Green Waste Collection Event

JUNE

Clean gutter of leaves and pine needles
Cover wood piles with fire resistant tarps and keep them away from structures
What will you do if a fire breaks out while you're away from home? Make a plan now before you go on vacation

Will You Need Some **HELP** — *Getting Out?*

If you are an older adult or have disabilities, check off these steps and fill in the blanks in this form below. Post it where you'll see it in an emergency.

Disasters are happening more frequently and sometimes without any warning. If you have a physical or cognitive disability or are simply less able to react quickly due to normal aging, you need to pay extra attention to planning how to save yourself. While emergency responders will do their best to help people with disabilities and older adults, there aren't enough of them to get to every house. Use this checklist to help you plan for what you will do, and to start a discussion with those who can help you evacuate.

- _____ I have signed up for CodeRED alerts or asked for help on how to do that.
- _____ I know how to dial 2-1-1 on my phone to ask for information, resources and updates on emergency preparedness.
I know what radio stations to listen to.
- _____ I know NOT to call 911 unless I am personally experiencing a life-threatening emergency.
I will call 2-1-1 to ask questions.
- _____ I have a Go Bag (a suitcase or large totebag) packed and ready with supplies that I will need if I have to leave the house during an emergency:
 - _____ Shelf-stable food, water, extra clothes, blanket, flashlight
 - _____ List of medication, dosage, and the time of day taken. Medical providers' names, phone numbers and medical needs and equipment used. Keep a digital copy (cell phone or thumb drive) and a hard copy for your Go Bag
 - _____ A printed copy of my special needs, such as:
 - I wear hearing aids
 - I am allergic to _____
 - I have cognitive difficulties
 - I use American Sign Language
- _____ My Go Bag has a note attached to the outside of it reminding me of the other things I need to take when I leave, such as:
 - Medication (if not already inside the Go Bag), hearing aids
 - Mobility aids (walker, cane, etc.) and medical devices (CPAP, oxygen)
 - My wallet or purse, keys, cell phone
- _____ [If applicable] I have a travel container, pet food and supplies (leash, etc.) next to my Go Bag, ready for quickly leaving with my service animal or pet
- _____ [If applicable] Because I don't have a car and/or can't drive my car, I've arranged for this person to help me evacuate: _____
- _____ If driving myself, this is where I will go during an evacuation: _____
- _____ This is where I will stay if I can't go home right away: _____
- _____ I have told my family and friends about these plans and the help I'll need.





Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2021 Fire Restrictions and Campfire Guide

Nevada City, Calif. July 16, 2021 —The U.S. Forest Service has ordered Fire Restrictions across the Tahoe National Forest effective June 28, 2021 through November 1, 2021. The Tahoe National Forest has determined that it is necessary to issue fire restrictions to protect natural resources and to provide for public safety. "These forests and wildlands are part of our community. Keeping the community and public safe while providing for use and enjoyment is one of our priorities," said Eli Ilano, Forest Supervisor for the Tahoe National Forest.

Tahoe National Forest Fire Restrictions

- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire except within the charcoal grills or fire rings provided in the **Exempt Developed Recreation Sites** listed at www.fs.usda.gov/main/tahoe/home.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, within **Exempt Developed Recreation Sites** listed at www.fs.usda.gov/main/tahoe/home, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

- Operating an internal combustion engine off paved, gravel, or dirt National Forest System roads and trails, except within the Prosser Pits Developed Off-Highway Vehicle Area and boats on a water surface.
- Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may use a portable campfire ring/pit, stove, or lantern in an area at least three feet from any flammable materials provided that the portable campfire ring/pit, stove, or lantern **only burns gas, kerosene, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel and is equipped with a shut-off valve.**
- Persons engaged in Forest Products Removal (fuelwood) are not exempt from Fire Restrictions, but may operate an internal combustion engine off National Forest System roads and trails only to the extent necessary to cut fuelwood, provided the cutting of fuelwood is done in compliance with daily Fire danger project activity levels. The daily fire danger project activity levels can be obtained by calling: (530) 478-6176.

Campfire Guide

For those locations where campfires are allowed, campfires **MUST be attended at all times.** To make sure your fire is **DEAD-OUT** when you leave your

campsite, please adhere to the following:

- Thoroughly douse your campfire with water.
- Stir the water into the ash and coals with a shovel or other tool.
- Place the back of your hand near the ash to feel for warmth.
- Warmth detected? Repeat these steps as necessary.

Recreation managers and Fire Patrol will be monitoring campgrounds this summer. Unattended campfires are a violation of CFR part 261(d). At the minimum, there is a \$350 citation not including a \$30 court processing fee. Further conditions such as red-flag warnings, extreme fire behavior, or high winds may result in the citing officer to also make a mandatory court appearance.

To avoid these unpleasanties, and to ensure we all have beautiful places to camp in the future, please make sure your campfire is **DEAD-OUT.**

www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe
twitter.com/Tahoe_NF | facebook.com/TahoeNF



NO CAMPFIRES OR BRIQUETTE BBQ'S

OUTSIDE OF DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES



PREPARING FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF

During severe weather, high winds could cause tree branches or debris to contact electric lines and start fires. That's why PG&E may need to turn off power during severe weather to help prevent wildfires. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). While turning off the power helps prevent wildfires, we know it can be disruptive. We are working year-round to improve PSPS events for our customers and communities.

HERE ARE 5 WAYS TO PREPARE FOR A PSPS:



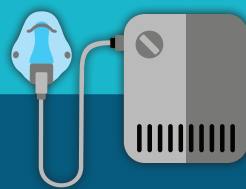
Make sure PG&E can reach you before a PSPS by updating your contact information at pge.com/mywildfirealerts.

1



Pack or restock your family's emergency kit including food, water, batteries, radio and a first aid kit.

2



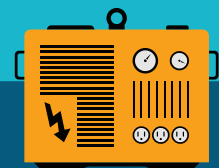
Make preparations for anyone in your family who depends on electricity for medical needs.

3



Practice manually opening your garage door.

4



Ensure any backup power sources are ready and safe to operate.

5



To learn more ways to prepare for a PSPS and any emergency, visit safetyactioncenter.pge.com



For translated support in over 200 languages, please contact PG&E at 866-743-6589.



Returning Home after a Fire

If a fire has passed through your area, considerable damage may have been done, even if you established good defensible space around the structures on your property. To ensure your safety when your return, please keep these precautions in mind.

When returning to your property check for:

Trees, brush and rocks which may be weakened or loosened by fire. Trees and brush weakened by fire may lose limbs or fall. Rocks loosened by fire may roll and crumble. If rocks have rolled down a slope, expect more to follow.

Debris or damage from fire on roads and driveways.

Debris on the road near your home and in your driveway. Clearing the debris to the edge of your driveway and removing it later will help keep your home safe from fire.

Utility poles weakened by fire.

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Hot embers in rain gutters, on the roof, under decks, crawl spaces and under overhangs.

Hot embers in wood piles, debris piles and lawn.

If well or pump-house is in working order.

If your electrical service has not been interrupted you may continue to use your power for such things as pumping water, etc.

If your utility services are off, check for burned service equipment and facilities:

If your utility services are off, check for burned service equipment and facilities: Is there damage to the gas meter, gas lines, or propane tank? If there is ANY visible damage DO NOT attempt to repair or turn on these services. Call your local propane or utility company for assistance.

Look at the electric meter. If there is any visible damage DO NOT ATTEMPT to turn the breaker on. Call your local utility company for assistance.

If there are electrical wires on the ground STAY CLEAR, CONSIDER THEM ENERGIZED and contact your local utility company immediately.

Beware of metal fences. They may be energized by downed power lines away from view.

When you have secured safety outside your home, check inside for fire or fire damage:

Embers in the attic, which may have entered through vents.

If electricity is off, turn off all appliances before turning the electrical main on. If there is no fire damage to your building and the meter does not have any visible damage, you may turn on the main circuit breaker, or contact your utility company for assistance.

Check if the phone is working.

Check if security system and alarms are working.

Use flashlights to help inspect your home and surrounding area.

If you find any of these conditions:

Fire - stay away and report condition to a local fire or law enforcement official in the area or call 9-1-1.

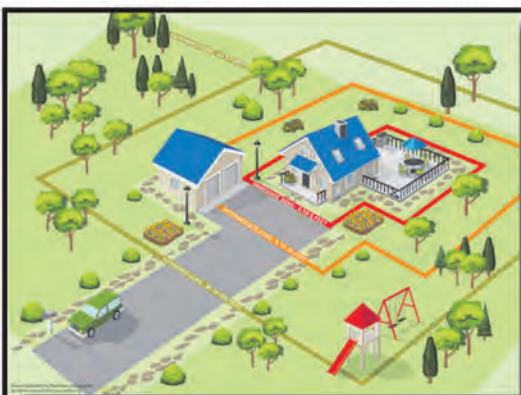
Damaged Utility Equipment - report electrical problems or damaged equipment to your local utility company. Gas Leaks - Report gas service problems to your local supplier.

Other - Report any other safety issues or emergencies to 9-1-1.

After checking your property, continue to use caution and note outdoor conditions:

Trees and poles with deep charring, particularly if still smoking should be considered hazardous.

Smoldering holes in the ground can be full of hot coals. White ash is evidence of hot material.



**A DEFENSIBLE
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Do you have highly flammable plants around your deck? Are embers likely to ignite building materials on your home such as siding or gutters? Do you need to remove a tree, or just some of the limbs?

These are the questions your Advisor can answer so that you can develop a plan to address short-term and long-term defensible space goals. This can help ensure your property is in compliance with county code, and will improve the safety of your life and property in the event of wildfire.

To schedule a no-contact visit observing COVID-19 protocols, please see our website:

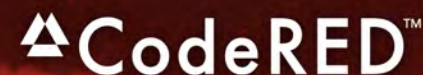
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Visit www.mynevadacounty.com/2713/Emergency-Alerts Text ReadyNevadaCounty to 99411 and follow the link to complete the registration.

Call 211 or 1-833-DIAL211 for assistance from a call agent.

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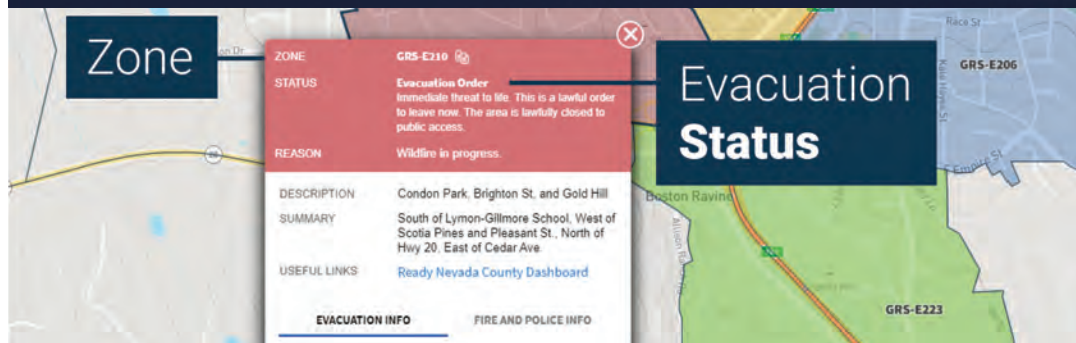
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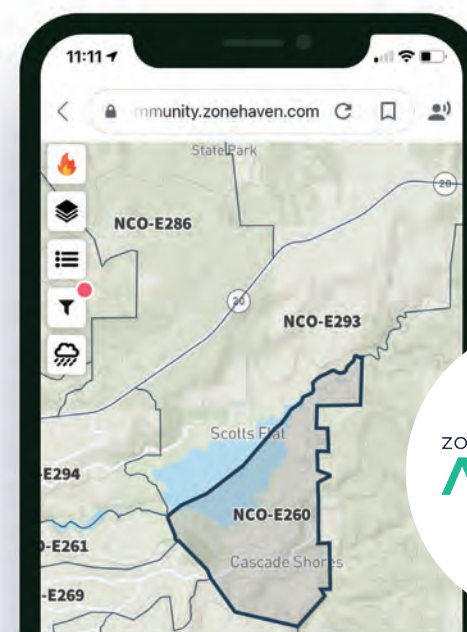
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- Evacuation Warning.** A potential threat to life and/or property. Those who require additional time to evacuate, and those with pets and livestock should leave now.
- Advisory.** A notice to be on alert and follow county recommendations.
- Clear To Repopulate.** It is safe to return to your home. Be aware of your surroundings.
- Shelter In Place.** An order to go indoors. Shut and lock doors and windows. Prepare to self-sustain until further notice and/or contacted by emergency personnel for additional direction.
- Normal.** There is no current knowledge of threats affecting your area and that you can carry on with normal activity.



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