

The CAL FIRE Ready, Set, Go! Program offers steps to prepare for wildfire. You can learn more at readyforwildfire.org. In Nevada County we have additional measures we can take to prepare.

To Get Ready in Nevada County:

- a. Sign up for CODE RED now from the Nevada County office of Emergency Services so you can get text, email and phone alerts.
- b. Download the CAL FIRE App readyforwildfire.org to find out as much information as possible about what the fire is doing.
- c. Know where to find local media you trust, TV, radio, on-line, to get the latest information.

To get Set in Nevada County:

1. Create a Wildfire Action Plan that includes evacuation planning for your home, family and pets. All family members must be responsible for this plan. If one member is away the others can still work the plan. Ensure that every family member understands where to meet or who to call to say they are safe in an emergency.
2. Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit for each person in your household. Ensure that everyone in the family knows where the kit is and what it contains.
3. Fill-out a Family Communication Plan that includes important evacuation and contact information. Get input from all family members and ensure that all family members have copies they can access. A hard copy and digital if possible.

To Go! In Nevada County:

We use three terms- Evacuation Order, Evacuation Warning and Shelter in Place.

What should you do if you receive an Evacuation Warning?

An Evacuation Warning can be given 12 to 24 hours prior to an Evacuation Order to leave immediately.

- a. Heed the information given to you in the warning. Now is the time to take action to save the lives of you and your family.
 - b. Work the plan you have created.
 - c. Personal observation: Do you see or smell smoke? Is it windy? Can you see a smoke column? What is the direction, is it moving quickly toward you or away from you?
 - d. Vehicles: Fill up with gas and use only mechanically sound vehicles for travel.
 - e. If you plan on utilizing an RV or travel trailer, make it an early effort to move it out of the area to stage it somewhere ahead of all the evacuation traffic.
- a. If you can safely take the time to do more consider the following:
 - Close all doors or building openings before leaving. Shut all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked.
 - Move flammable furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.
 - Shut off gas at the meter; turn off pilot lights.
 - Leave your lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.
 - Shut off the air conditioning.
 - Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside (patio furniture, children's toys, door mats, trash cans, etc.) or place them in your pool.
 - Turn off propane tanks.
 - Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
 - Don't leave sprinklers on or water running, they can affect critical water pressure.
 - Leave exterior lights on so your home is visible to firefighters in the smoke or darkness of night.
 - Back your car into the driveway with vehicle loaded and all doors and windows closed. Carry your car keys with you.
 - Have a ladder available and place it at the corner of the house for firefighters to quickly access your roof.

- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.
- Patrol your property and monitor the fire situation. Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel threatened.
- Check on neighbors and make sure they are preparing to leave.
- Locate your pets and keep them nearby.
- Prepare farm animals for transport and think about moving them to a safe location early.

What should you do if you receive an Evacuation Order?

1. Review your Evacuation Plan Checklist.
2. Ensure your Emergency Supply Kit is in your vehicle.
3. Cover-up to protect against heat and flying embers. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirt, heavy shoes/boots, cap, dry bandanna for face cover, goggles or glasses. 100% cotton is preferable.
4. Locate your pets and take them with you.
5. GO! Leave the area early to avoid traffic congestion.