



PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY Forest Fire

HOW TO PREPARE FOR A FOREST FIRE

- Have an emergency plan for you and your family and practice fire drills regularly with your family.
- Keep a 72-hour emergency kit at home.
- Keep a fire extinguisher at home and know how to use it.
- Have a good sprinkler and keep it accessible.
- Have a working smoke detector on every floor and in all sleeping areas. Change the batteries every 6 (six) months.

WHAT TO DO IF A FOREST FIRE IS APPROACHING YOUR HOME

- Call 9-1-1 if you see a wildfire that seems to be unattended.
- Stay tuned to your local radio station for up-to-date information on the fire and possible road closures.
- Keep all doors and windows closed.
- Remove flammable window coverings.
- Keep all the lights on to help you see better in case smoke fills the house.
- If enough water is available, turn sprinklers on to wet the roof and any waterproof valuables.
- Be prepared to evacuate your family and pets to a safe location and do so if told by authorities.

WAYS RESIDENTS CAN REDUCE THE RISK THAT THEIR HOMES AND PROPERTY WILL BECOME FUEL FOR A WILDFIRE

CLEAR

Clear off pine needles, dead leaves and anything that can burn from your rooflines, gutters, decks, porches, patios and along fence lines. Falling embers will have nothing to burn.

STORE AWAY

Store away furniture cushions, rattan mats, potted plants and other decorations from decks, porches and patios. These items catch embers and help ignite your home if you leave them outside.

SCREEN & SEAL

Windborne embers can get into homes easily through vents and other openings and burn the home from the inside out. Walk around your house to see what openings you can screen or temporarily seal up.

RAKE

Embers landing in mulch that touches your house, deck or fence is a big fire hazard. Rake out any landscaping mulch to at least 5 (five)-feet away.

TRIM

Trim back any shrubs or tree branches that come closer than 5 (five)-feet to the house and attachments and any overhanging branches.



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REMOVE

Walk around your house and remove anything within 30 (thirty)-feet that could burn, such as woodpiles, spare lumber, vehicles and boats - anything that can act as a large fuel source.

CLOSE

If ordered to evacuate, make sure all windows and doors are closed tightly and seal up any pet doors. Many homes are destroyed by embers entering these openings and burning the house from the inside out.