

FIRE

Wildfires are growing in frequency and in strength. Here are some tips for before, during, and after fires to help keep you prepared and safe.



1 PREPARE

- Set a family emergency communications plan and ensure that all household members know who to contact in case of an emergency.
- Practice your home escape plan at least twice a year and ensure everyone knows how to call 911 in case of an emergency.
- Ensure your important personal documents are stored in a safe place and easily accessible in case of evacuation.
- Install the right number of smoke alarms and teach your family what to do when they hear one. Test the alarms once a month and replace the batteries at least once a year.
- Ensure that all household members know at least two ways to escape from every room of your home and that everyone knows the family meeting spot outside of your home.

2 DURING

- Be on alert for evacuation instructions from your local law and fire officials.
- Close all doors and windows inside your home.
- Practice **stop, drop** and **roll** with your household members if their clothes should catch on fire.
- Always stay together with your family and pets and keep your disaster safety kit on hand.
- Stay calm and get out: drive at regular speeds and monitor any road closures.

3 AFTER

- In case of evacuation, do not return home unless it's deemed safe. Wear the right clothing and shoes and wet any debris to avoid breathing harmful dust particles.
- Avoid contaminated water and dispose of any exposed food items.
- Stay alert: maintain a "fire watch" and check your home and surrounding areas for small lingering fires or embers.
- Record any damages for your personal records.

Fast Facts



Ninety percent of all wildfires are started by humans.



An average of 1.2 million acres of US woodland burn every year.