

Ready, Set, Go!

GET SET: Red Flag Warning



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Wildland fire is an increasing threat and a year-round reality in many areas. **As a resident, it's important to educate yourself and do your part to prepare.**

The Ready, Set, Go! Program provides valuable guidance to increase the safety of you and your family. This includes speaking with local fire department personnel about your area's threat for wildland fire and learning more about the wildland urban interface (WUI), an area which is not only limited to forest vegetation.

Use this guide to help educate yourself on ways to be fire-adapted and implement the following wildland fire safety tips.

For more information visit
www.WildlandFireRSG.org.

Ready – Be ready.

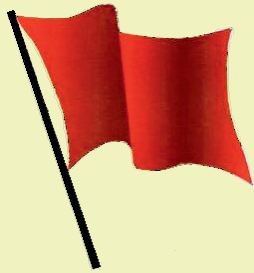
Create defensible space by clearing brush away from structures. Use fire-resistant landscaping and harden structures using fire-safe construction. Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe place. Plan escape routes. Prepare and share your action plan with everyone involved.

Set – Be alert.

Put together a "Go" kit. Learn how to receive and stay aware of the latest news and information on the fire from local media, fire departments and public safety agencies.

Go! – Act early!

Follow your personal wildland fire action plan. Doing so will not only support your safety, but will allow firefighters to best maneuver resources during a fire.



What is a Red Flag Warning?

A Red Flag Warning is a **weather warning** issued only by the National Weather Service for a select area.

This warning forecasts warm temperatures, low humidity in dried fuel moistures, and strong winds expected within 24 hours. The combination of these increased risks results in an increased risk for a wildland fire or rapid-fire growth if an incident were to occur.

During a Red Flag Warning, **ALWAYS** follow the instructions provided by your local fire department and maintain a heightened awareness of anything that can generate a spark or flame. **ALWAYS** be prepared to take action if a wildland fire develops in your area.



A fire adapted community is a community located in a WUI that requires little assistance from firefighters during a wildland fire. Residents accept the responsibility for living in a high fire-hazard area. They possess the knowledge and skills to prepare their homes and property to survive wildland fire and evacuate early, safely, and efficiently.



Red Flag Warning Safety Tips

Equipment

- Avoid using lawn mowers in dry vegetation.
- Follow all local fire restrictions on the use of chainsaws, mowers and other equipment during high risk times.

Outdoor Fires

- Be mindful and follow any fire restrictions or burn bans in your area. Obtain a permit if needed.
- Extinguish outdoor fires properly and never leave them unattended. Always drown them with plenty of water.
- Soak ashes and charcoal in water and dispose of them in a metal can. These materials can reignite days after a fire or BBQ is extinguished.
- Report unattended outdoor fires immediately to 911.

Vehicles

- **NEVER** throw cigarettes or matches out of a vehicle. They can ignite grasses on the side of the road and start a wildland fire.
- Do not drive your vehicle in dry tall grass. The underside of your vehicle is hot and can easily ignite grasses from your exhaust muffler.
- Ensure trailer chains do not drag on the ground.

Always Maintain Situational Awareness

Stay on top of weather reports and ensure you are registered for state and local emergency alerts.
Follow and monitor warnings by your local fire department.

Warnings can include:

- Alerts on social media and emergency notification applications.
- The enacting of Burn Restrictions or Burn Bans.
- Prohibiting open burning or prescribed fire.

For additional information, contact your local fire department.

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Ready, Set, Go! Wildland Fire Action Plan

Ready (Before a Red Flag Warning has been issued)

- Create and maintain at least 100 feet of defensible space around your home. Perform general wildfire mitigation actions including:
 - ◊ Clear overgrown combustible vegetation
 - ◊ Keep grasses short and watered
 - ◊ Remove needles and leaves from roofs, eaves, and gutters
- Complete and practice your Personal Wildland Fire Action Plan including all exit routes from your immediate area.
- Sign up with local agencies to receive emergency notifications.

Set (During the warning)

- Maintain good situational awareness by following weather reports and local news.
- Do not perform any actions that may cause a spark or produce a flame.
- Monitor your local fire department for valuable information.
- Be prepared by having your “Go” kit packed and near your door in case you need to evacuate quickly. Include the following:
 - ◊ Your Personal Wildland Fire Action Plan.
 - ◊ Prescription medications and any medical devices you may need.
 - ◊ Important documents including your passport, birth certificate, driver’s license, marriage license, insurance policy and any other legal documents.

Go! (Act early when a wildfire threatens your area)

- Remain calm and collected.
- Follow directives and information provided by your local authorities and fire department.
- Use your Personal Action Plan for guidance.
- Cooperate with local authorities during evacuation and re-entry.

My Personal Wildland Fire Action Plan

Write up your Wildland Fire Action Plan and post it in a location where every household member can see it. Practice multiple exit routes. During high-fire-danger days in your area, monitor your local media for information and be ready to implement your plan. Hot, dry, and windy conditions create the perfect environment for a wildland fire.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS (Emergency and Non-emergency)

Name

Phone Number

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PROPERTY OWNER

LIST LOCAL NEWS AND RADIO STATIONS

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CONTACTS

LOCATION OF ELECTRICAL AND NATURAL GAS SHUT OFFS

DIRECTIONS NOTING ALL NEIGHBORHOOD EXITS

EXIT ROUTES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

MEETING LOCATION

AREA SHELTERS/SAFETY ZONES

Name

Address

Phone Number

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