Ready, Set, Go!

for the Seasonal Resident and Property Owner

The Ready, Set, Go! Program seeks to share information with residents and property owners on how they can successfully become prepared in the event of a wildland fire. Speak with a local fire department personnel about your area's threat for wildland fire and learn more about the wildland urban interface (WUI), an area which is not only limited to forest vegetation. Fire season is an increasing threat and a year-round reality in many areas. As a seasonal resident or property owner, it's important to educate yourself and do your part to prepare. The RSG! Program gives you simple, easy to follow tips to increase the safety of you and your family.

Ready – Be ready.

Take personal responsibility to prepare long before the threat of a wildland fire so your property is ready to sustain the threat. 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 and make sure all those staying on the property are aware of the plan of action.

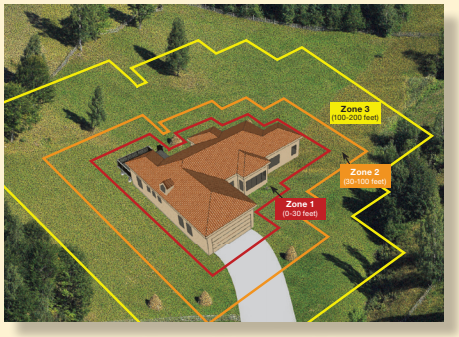
Set – Be alert.

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. Prepare your personal wildland fire action plan.

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 mitigation.

Defensible Space – Greatly increases your safety and reduces fire damage!



Defensible space is a buffer zone created by the removal of weeds, brush and other natural vegetation between structures and the wildland urban interface (WUI). Creating defensible space can decrease fire damage to structures and allow space for firefighting operations.

Landscaping plans that include non-combustible materials or fire-resistant plants and regular maintenance can contribute to the creation of defensible space.

Special consideration should be given to wind-driven embers which can travel up to a mile ahead of the flame front. Take care to regularly inspect or replace outside screens and ventilation points.

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 skill to 1. Prepare their homes and property to survive wildland fire; and 2. Evacuate early, safely and efficiently.

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Seasonal Resident's Safety Checklist

Use the guide to help educate yourself on ways to be fire-adapted. To best improve the safety of you and your family, please use the below guide to implement wildland fire safety tips today.

Ready (Before a fire occurs)

- Review the information package provided by the property owner.
- Become familiar with area roads, including all exit routes from your immediate area.
- Sign up with local agencies to receive emergency notifications. Reference the property owner's information package or contact the local fire department to learn what these systems may be.

Set (As the fire approaches)

- Complete and practice your personal wildland fire action plan.

  *To obtain additional copies, contact your local fire department or visit www.wildlandfireRSG.org
- Assemble a 'go kit' and include items, such as:
  - Prescription medications
  - Emergency supplies
  - Maps/directions marking multiple exit routes
  - Important contact list with phone numbers
  - Contact information for area shelters
  - Chargers for electronic communication devices
- Stay alert and remain aware of the situation – monitor local radio or television stations for updates.
- If time allows, consider turning off electricity and natural gas/heating fuel at the shut-off point if fire threat is imminent.

Go! (Act early)

- Get your 'go kit' and leave well before the threat approaches, following an accessible exit route.
- Use your personal action plan for guidance.
- Cooperate with local authorities during evacuation & re-entry processes.

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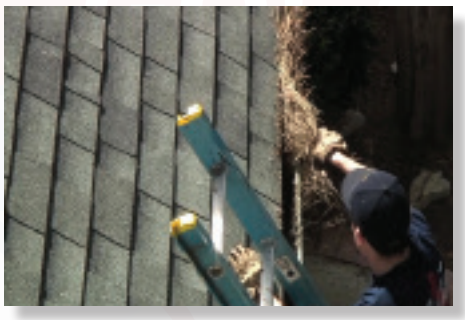
Property Owner's Safety Checklist

Ready (Before a fire occurs)

Prepare your property:

- Ensure the property's address is clearly marked and visible from the street.
- Create defensible space around all structures.
- Create and follow a maintenance plan to keep property mowed and clean of vegetation debris and loose, combustible materials.
- Create an information package for seasonal guests that includes:
  - Emergency and non-emergency contact information (including your local fire department's information)
  - Your immediate contact information
  - Phone numbers or websites to sign up for local notification systems
  - A list of local news and radio stations
  - Property maintenance contacts
  - Locations of electrical and natural gas shut off's
  - A map/directions marking all neighborhood exits
  - Identify safety zones
- Reinforce the importance of preparing for and maintaining situational awareness of wildland fire threats for the safety of the visiting seasonal resident.
- Consider participating in fuel hazard mitigation programs in your area.

Assure the address is clearly noticeable from the street by removing vegetation and debris that may inhibit visibility.



Remember: During a wildland fire, responders may not be from the immediate area or have local knowledge. Clearly marked addresses and water supplies save valuable time.

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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

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

PROPERTY OWNER

_____ _____

LIST LOCAL NEWS AND RADIO STATIONS

_____

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CONTACTS

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LOCATION OF ELECTRICAL AND NATURAL GAS SHUT OFFS

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DIRECTIONS NOTING ALL NEIGHBORHOOD EXITS

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EXIT ROUTES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

MEETING LOCATION

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AREA SHELTERS/SAFETY ZONES

Name | Address | Phone Number

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For more information, contact your local fire department and visit www.iafc.org/CWR

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