Wildfires: Protect Yourself and Your Community

Community Preparedness
Work with your neighbors to prepare for and protect your community from wildfire loss by following these preparedness tips.

Follow evacuation instructions from your local emergency officials.

Hold community meetings and work with neighbors and neighboring communities to prepare the neighborhood for wildfires.

Practice two ways out of your neighborhood; you will be more prepared if roads are blocked.

Make sure addresses are clearly displayed on homes and at driveways with clearly marked reflective numbers that can be seen from the road.

Meet with your local fire department. Find out how department personnel can help you prepare for wildfires.

Always stay aware of your environment, and when asked to leave by your local emergency officials, please do so. A delay could cost your life!

Please visit usfa.fema.gov for additional resources designed to assist citizens and fire departments to prepare for, respond to, and educate themselves and their communities about wildfire risk.

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**Personal Responsibility**
You can protect your family and home from wildfires by following these safety tips:

- Create an emergency bag of personal items that you will need that are easy to access if you are asked to leave your home.

- Make and frequently practice a family evacuation plan that includes meeting locations, a communication plan and pet accommodations.

- Leave your home when asked to do so.

- Use building and yard materials that won't burn easily.

- Maintain the landscape surrounding your home at least 100 feet, lean, clean and green, paying special attention to the first 5 feet.

- Clean your roof, gutters and deck of dead leaves and pine needles often.