

# Navigating Wildfires

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Being prepared for disastrous events, such as wildfires, is crucial for your safety. And your safety is our priority. In this guide, you'll find resources, tips, and information on what to do in the event of a wildfire.

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CALL US ASAP AT

**(877) 333-6938**



# Prepping for a wildfire

## HAVE AN EVACUATION PLAN

- ✓ Designate an emergency meeting location for family and/or friends outside the fire or hazard area.
- ✓ Identify different escape routes.
- ✓ Train the family on how to use fire extinguishers and how to safely shut off your gas, electricity, and water.
- ✓ Practice the entire drill with your family.
- ✓ Set up an evacuation plan for your pets.

Some evacuation centers don't allow pets. Check sites like [Petfinder Shelter](#) for local animal shelters that align with your evac plan.

- ✓ Designate an out-of-area friend or family member as a main point of contact should local communications get knocked out.
- ✓ Ensure that your vehicles always have sufficient gas during wildfire season.
- ✓ Conduct an annual insurance check-in and ask for an outline of what your insurance policy covers, and adjust to ensure you have adequate coverage in the event of a wildfire (even renters).

## HAVE WHAT YOU NEED

Unexpired fire extinguishers

Smoke detectors in every room

List of emergency contacts

A wildfire tracker app, like [Watch Duty](#), to keep updated on the fire's whereabouts

Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit

## PREVENTION

# Preventing wildfire from spreading to your home

### HAVE DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Create a buffer between your home and any grass, trees, shrubs, or wild-land area. This space will help to slow or stop the spread of wildfire to your home, while also reducing heat exposure to support a safe evacuation.

### REMOVE POTENTIAL HAZARDS

Consistently clear debris from your roof, gutters, and grounds.

### PREPARE YOUR HOME

#### **Install vulcan vents**

Prevent dangerous embers from entering the ventilation areas of your home.

#### **Upgrade windows and doors**

Dual-pane windows, which include a pane of tempered glass, provide additional fire resistance.

#### **Install gutter guards**

Eliminate debris build-up from leaves, needles, pests.

#### **Double-check your roof**

Materials such as composition, metal, clay or tile, are optimal roofing materials for fire prevention.

### HAVE THE RIGHT LANDSCAPING

- Prune trees so the branches don't touch or hang over your house
- Allow space between the house and shrubs when planting
- Choose fire-resistant plants keep them healthy, and avoid flammable mulches
- Dispose of debris
- Keep your lawn low and well irrigated

[Find ideas for fire-resistant plants here.](#)

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# What to do after a wildfire

- ✓ Check with fire officials before attempting to return to your home
- ✓ Wear a tightly fitted respirator
- ✓ Use caution when re-entering a burned area
- ✓ Check the exterior for hot spots and smoldering stumps
- ✓ Check the roof for sparks and embers
- ✓ Avoid using candles, gas, propane, wood-burning stoves, fireplaces, aerosol sprays, and frying and smoking

## IF THERE'S DANGER

Contact your homeowner's insurance company to begin the claim process

## IF THERE'S DAMAGE

Call 911

## PREPARING TO FILE YOUR CLAIM



Video or photograph each room, including your garage, ensuring to capture the damage



Describe your home's contents in the video or document to support photos, remembering to note important or expensive items.



Have receipts for major purchases, if possible.