

# Wildfires: Protect Yourself and Your Community

## Personal Responsibility

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

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

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

Keep an area up to 200 feet around your home lean, clean and green.

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



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

Leave your home when asked to do so.



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Follow evacuation instructions from your local emergency officials.

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

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

Make sure driveways and house numbers are clearly marked and can be seen from the road.

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

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## Community Preparedness

Work with your neighbors to protect your community from wildfires by following these preparedness tips:

**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!**

For more information, visit <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/wildfire.html>.



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