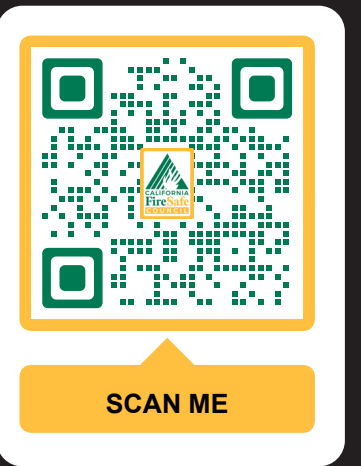




#CFSCWildfirePreparedness

Important Numbers: (fire department, family, pet shelters, etc)



BE PREPARED

How to prepare for fire season to help you keep safe.



MAKE A PLAN

- ▶ Create an evacuation kit. (See list)
- ▶ Have a physical map with nearest exits out of the neighborhood.
- ▶ Establish multiple evacuation routes.
- ▶ Designate a communal meeting location outside fire/hazard area.
- ▶ Prepare an evacuation plan for livestock and pets.
- ▶ Identify locations of potential large animal shelters.
- ▶ Have contact info for your local utility companies and fire department on file.
- ▶ Familiarize yourself with red flag warnings and local fire weather watches.



INSIDE THE HOME

- ▶ Take photos of your home and belongings for insurance purposes. Store these photos/videos off-site or in the cloud.
- ▶ Remove flammable window shades, curtains, and furniture.
- ▶ Ensure your homeowners or renters insurance policy includes wildfire damage and familiarize yourself with policy coverage limitations.
- ▶ Replace standard vents with ember & flame-resistant vents. Cover all vent openings with 1/8" - 1/4" metal mesh.
- ▶ Replace all single-paned windows with dual-paned to prevent breakage/damage from high temperatures.



OUTSIDE THE HOME

- ▶ **0-5 feet from all buildings and structures on your property:** create a barrier that is free of combustible materials such as firewood, lumber, outdoor furniture, motorized vehicles, hanging branches, dead vegetation, and garbage bins. This barrier includes all roofs, gutters, decks, and porches.
- ▶ **5-30 feet from all buildings and structures on your property:** Remove all dead vegetation, trim trees to keep branches 10+ feet from other trees. Create a separation between combustible items such as shrubs, trees, wood piles, and furniture.
- ▶ **30-100 feet from all buildings and structures on your property:** Cut grass regularly, maximum height 4". Create and maintain distance between shrubs and trees. Remove fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark and small branches. Relocate firewood to this area and keep isolated from other combustibles.



IN THE COMMUNITY

- ▶ Exchange current contact info with family and neighbors.
- ▶ Meet with first responders before a fire to clarify expectations.
- ▶ Hand out HELP signs to your community that can be placed in windows during an evacuation to communicate a need for assistance.
- ▶ Collaborate with community to establish safety zones, evacuation routes, communication channels, and resource availability.
- ▶ Evacuate elderly or disabled community members.
- ▶ Identify high risk members in your community and develop an outreach plan.

BE ALERT

What to do during fire season if your community is at risk.



WATCH AND LISTEN

- ▶ Check local news updates to monitor the fire hazard zone.
- ▶ Check local and professional social media accounts to monitor the hazard zone.
- ▶ Listen for radio alerts to monitor the hazard zone.



REVIEW YOUR PLAN

- ▶ Practice evacuation procedures.
- ▶ Collaborate with other members of your household to make sure you're on the same page.
- ▶ Double-check current conditions: analyze weather patterns, road closures or alternative routes, etc.



BE READY TO GO

- ▶ Monitor/adhere to evacuation orders by the local fire department.
- ▶ Fill your gas tank and keep it full.
- ▶ Have cash on hand.
- ▶ Be sure to keep your evacuation kit in your vehicle.



EVACUATION KIT

- ▶ Face masks (N95 respirators are ideal)
- ▶ 3-day supply of non-perishable food and water
- ▶ Clean cotton clothing
- ▶ Batteries
- ▶ Flashlight
- ▶ First aid kit
- ▶ Birth certificate(s)
- ▶ IDs and/or passports
- ▶ Social Security card
- ▶ Prescriptions/medications
- ▶ Car titles
- ▶ Insurance papers/info
- ▶ Important family photos and belongings
- ▶ Pet food, carriers, and medications

BE SAFE

What to do immediately before, during, and after an evacuation.



BEFORE

- ▶ Turn your vehicle around so it is facing the road.
- ▶ Have a paper map with multiple evacuation routes shown.
- ▶ Adhere to any evacuation alerts, orders, or warnings.
- ▶ Close all doors and windows, but keep them unlocked.
- ▶ Locate pets, keep them near carriers/crates, determine shelter availability.
- ▶ Add any last minute to your evacuation kit and keep by door in case you need to evacuate on foot.
- ▶ Charge your cell phone and any other necessary electronic devices.



DURING

- ▶ Evacuate as soon as you feel threatened, or when ordered by emergency managers.
- ▶ Leave a note inside your home with the names of people, vehicle plate number, planned destination, and what date/time you left.
- ▶ Leave interior and exterior lights on in your home.
- ▶ Call or text an out-of-area contact to let them know you are evacuating.
- ▶ When evacuating, follow the guidance of local emergency leaders to determine which of your multiple, predetermined evacuation routes is safest. If you are advised to use a specific route from emergency managers, use it.
- ▶ Avoid traveling on roads near burning vegetation.
- ▶ Drive cautiously, with headlights on, windows closed, and A/C on recirculate.



AFTER

- ▶ Check in with Red Cross, neighborhood contacts, and family members.
- ▶ Once evacuated, let your out-of-area contact know you've made it out safely.
- ▶ Do not return home until officials say it's safe to do so, or you have an official escort.
- ▶ Check for hot spots, damaged trees, loose rocks, embers, and fire damage around your home.
- ▶ Do not drink from water supply until officials say it's safe to do so.
- ▶ Discard any food that has been exposed to heat, smoke, or soot.



EMERGENCY RESOURCES

- ▶ Dial 211
- ▶ RedCross.org
- ▶ Fire.CA.gov
- ▶ CalOES.CA.gov



California's Leader in Community Wildfire Risk Reduction and Resiliency.

Who We Are

The California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) provides resources, tools, support, and the latest information, so that California communities can be better prepared for wildfire and its aftermath. A statewide umbrella organization, the California Fire Safe Council supports more than 255 local Fire Safe Councils around the state, with educational materials, training, grant funding, statewide coordination, and support for fire-safe-state coordinated efforts.

Our History

A California non-profit, the CFSC was initially formed in 1993 as a project of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and tasked with developing and maintaining an online, "one-stop-shop", Grant Clearinghouse, mainly for four federal agencies: US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service & the Department of the Interior agencies Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and Fish & Wildlife Service.

What We Do

Today these agencies provide large master grants, which are administered by CFSC Grant Program. CFSC conducts, selects, manages, and monitors millions of dollars in sub-grants annually awarded to local community organizations. Grants are awarded to support defensible space efforts, community fire planning, wildfire prevention and mitigation projects, and wildfire education. CFSC also provides technical assistance to grantees to ensure successful completion of grant-awarded activities and projects.

From the CFSC board and staff to the strong network of local, regional, state, and national partners, CFSC has developed an extraordinary depth of knowledge, dedication, and experience in California fire-related issues. This allows CFSC to support community efforts, strengthen the information pipeline between federal and state policymakers and at-risk communities, and continue to ensure that communities have the most current, up-to-date information.

The increasing intensity and frequency of wildfire, fire's significance in state and local budgets, and the diverse ways in which communities are impacted require constant learning and adapting. CFSC is committed to providing local communities the support they need, in order to build better fire-adapted communities throughout California.



From:

To:

PLACE
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HERE