AT-A-GLANCE WILDFIRE

FIRE WEATHER WATCH: BE PREPARED

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FIRE WEATHER WARNING: TAKE ACTION!

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PREPAREDNESS

PREPARE LONG BEFORE THE THREAT SO YOUR HOME IS READY

- CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE BY CLEARING BRUSH AWAY FROM YOUR HOME.
- USE FIRE-RESISTANT LANDSCAPING AND HARDEN YOUR HOME WITH FIRE-SAFE CONSTRUCTION MEASURES.
 - PUT TOGETHER A BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT. HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SAFETY/WILDFIRE-READY
 - PLAN ESCAPE ROUTES AND MAKE SURE ALL THOSE RESIDING WITHIN THE HOME KNOW THE PLAN OF ACTION.
- REVIEW YOUR INSURANCE POLICIES TO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE ADEQUATE COVERAGE FOR YOUR HOME AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.
 - UNDERSTAND NWS FORECAST PRODUCTS, ESPECIALLY THE MEANINGS OF WATCHES AND WARNINGS.

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS. LEAVE IMMEDIATELY IF ORDERED!
- IF NOT ORDERED TO EVACUATION:
 - DO NOT LIGHT CAMPFIRES, BONFIRES, CANDLES OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT COULD BLOW OVER AND START A FIRE.
 - IF YOU SMOKE, BE SURE TO EXTINGUISH YOUR CIGARETTE OR CIGAR BEFORE DISPOSING OF IT. NEVER THROW A BURNING ITEM OUT A WINDOW.
 - BAG UP TRASH, CLIPPINGS AND OTHER EASILY FLAMMABLE ITEMS.
 - FILL UP YOUR VEHICLE IN CASE YOU NEED TO EVACUATE

ACT EARLY

- O FOLLOW YOUR PERSONAL WILDLAND FIRE ACTION PLAN.
- CONTINUE LISTENING TO A NOAA WEATHER RADIO OR THE LOCAL NEWS FOR THE LATEST UPDATES.
- IF YOU WERE TOLD TO EVACUATION, RETURN HOME ONLY WHEN OFFICIALS SAY IT IS SAFE.
- ONCE HOME, DRIVE ONLY IF NECESSARY. IF YOU MUST GO OUT, USE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS.
- MALK CAREFULLY AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME TO CHECK FOR DAMAGED POWER LINES, GAS LEAKS, AND STRUCTURAL DAMAGE.
- USE BATTERY-POWERED FLASHLIGHTS. DO NOT USE CANDLES. TURN ON YOUR FLASHLIGHT BEFORE ENTERING A VACATED BUILDING. THE BATTERY COULD PRODUCE A SPARK THAT COULD IGNITE LEAKING GAS, IF PRESENT.







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