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Wildfire Prevention & Safety Video



Wildfire Prevention and Safety

Fire Prevention Week ended on Oct 15th, but help keep your family, pets and home safe during wildfire season and year-round with these fire prevention and safety tips presented by Mike with the Valley Center Fire Dept. and Brandon with Pauma Valley Insurance

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Help keep your family, pets and home safe during wildfire season with these fire prevention and safety tips

What to do during a wildfire

Wildfires can occur unexpectedly and homeowners should be ready to take action.

- **Tune in** to news broadcasts for reports and evacuation information.
- **Park your car** in an open space facing the direction of escape.
- **Gather pets** and confine them to one room.
- **Wear protective** clothing.
- **Leave immediately** if advised to evacuate.

Leaving your home during an evacuation

Homeowners with property located in rural areas or communities adjacent to open space have a greater risk of damage during a wildfire. If fire officials declare an evacuation-and time permits-homeowners should take these safety precautions prior to departing.

- **Turn off** gas and pilot lights.
- **Turn on** a light in every room.
- **Move combustible** patio furniture inside, and relocate flammable furniture away from windows and sliding glass doors.
- **Connect** garden hoses to outside faucets.
- **Hose down** rooftops and the outside of your home.
- **Lock** your home.
- **Follow** the designated evacuation route.

Emergency Preparedness Kits - What to take to an evacuation center

The American Red Cross offers these suggestions from former evacuees about items to include in an emergency preparedness kit.

- Comfortable clothing, such as sweats, and sturdy shoes
- Medications for the family and pets
- Personal items, such as family pictures, favorite books, iPod and cell phone with chargers, and your bed pillow
- Snack food
- Cash in small bills and coins
- Insurance paperwork and contact information
- Cell phone chargers

Tips for protecting your home from wildfires

- **Establish and maintain a safe zone** around your house that will act as a fuelbreak. Install a greenbelt around your home and other structures of low-growing, fire-resistant plants such as succulents. Your local nursery can suggest a combination of attractive, water-wise plant materials that will help to reduce your home's vulnerability. If possible, your safe zone should be 100 feet wide.
- **Retrofit your home** with non-flammable building materials. Roofs should be made of a non-combustible, "Class A" fire-resistant material. Exterior windows should be dual-paned tempered glass. Exterior walls should be finished with fire-resistant materials such as stucco, stone or brick. Although easy-to-maintain, vinyl siding can melt in a fire and is not recommended.
- **Clean roof surfaces**, gutters and eaves of leaves, pine needles and branches regularly to avoid accumulation of flammable materials.
- **Install spark arresters** in chimneys and apply one-quarter inch, non-combustible screening to all vent or eave openings.
- **Keep trees and shrubs** pruned, and remove dead or dying trees plant materials. Stagger planting of trees to create a barrier to intercept and prevent wind-driven burning material from reaching your home. Prune branches that are near- or overhang- the roof. Remove lower tree branches below six feet from the ground, and maintain a vegetation-free zone beneath the tree's drip line.
- **Store flammable liquids** properly and away from occupied buildings. Propane tanks should be located 50 feet from structures, and valves should be turned off if there is a danger of fire. The tank area should be clear of flammable vegetation and combustible materials.
- **All combustibles** such as firewood, picnic tables, boats, etc., should be located 50 feet from your home and other structures.
- **Do not connect** wood fencing directly to your home.
- **Maintain** your irrigation system.
- **Make sure** your street address is visible from the street.

Filing a claim

Claims can be reported to your Insurance Companies Claims Hotline 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please use our websites claim page for more information. <http://www.pvins.com/claims-n.html>

For more ideas from the Red Cross about emergency preparedness, go to <http://www.redcross.org/domore>

For more information about protecting your family, pets and property from violent and deadly firestorms, visit these websites:

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection**
<http://www.fire.ca.gov/>
- National Fire Protection Agency**
<http://www.nfpa.org>

Resource 2011 Mercury Insurance Group
<http://www.mercuryinsurance.com/tips/wildfire-preparedness.html>

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