



Personal Preparedness for Wildfire

Sharing what we've learned to help you and your family stay safe

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About the National Fire Protection Association

Global non-profit devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards.

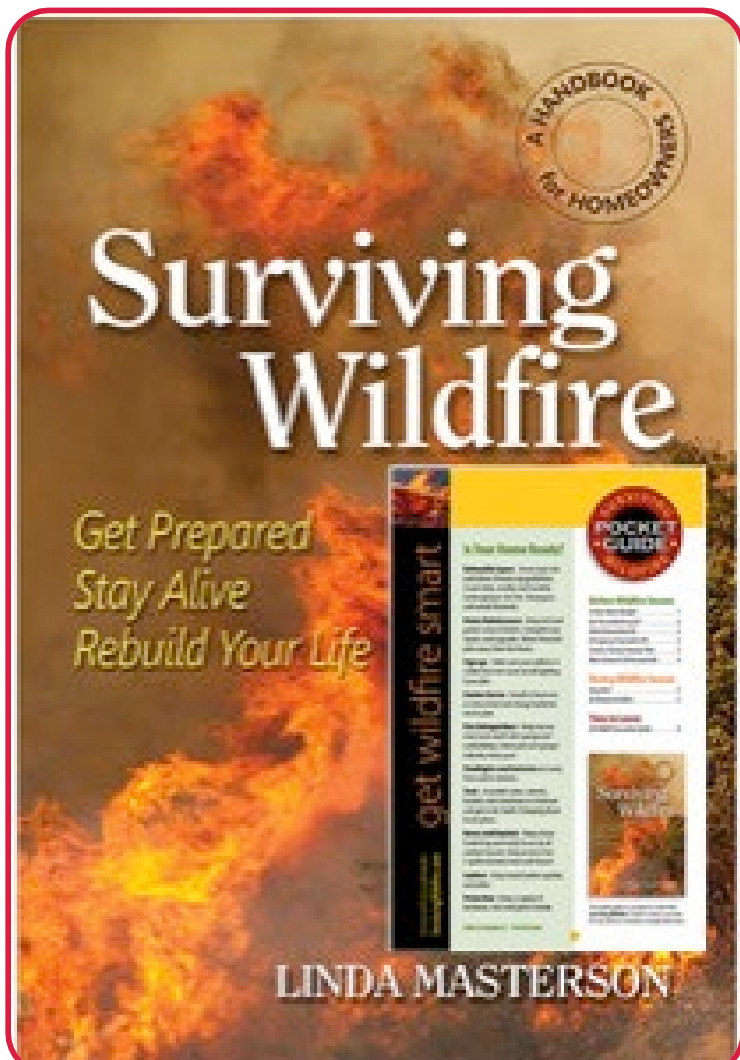
- Support for development, adoption, and enforcement of codes and standards
- Research and data analysis
- Technical training and certification
- Public education
- Outreach and advocacy

FAST FACTS

- Founded in 1896
- More than 60,000 members
- 6,000 volunteers
- 275+ technical code development committees
- 300 codes and standards
- 300 employees



What you need to know about wildfire



Threats from wildfire

- Smoke
 - Visibility
- Flames
 - Can move and spread rapidly
- Heat
 - Superheated gasses are deadly



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Facets of preparedness

Home and community preparedness should also include personal safety planning and practice



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Firewise USA® Recognition Program

A voluntary program that provides a framework to help neighbors get organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community.



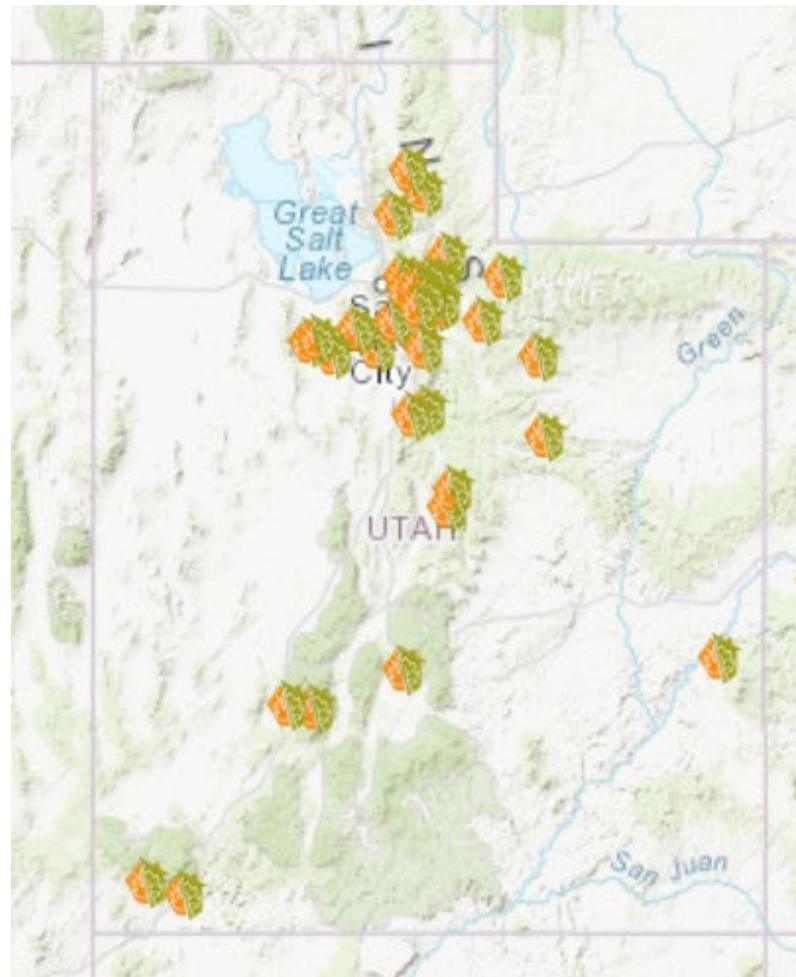
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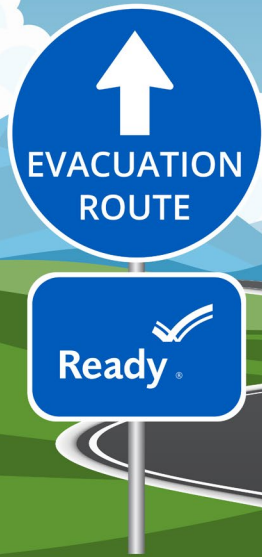
Firewise USA® Recognition in Utah

- 37 currently active sites
- Two original pilot communities participating since 2002
 - Emigration Canyon
 - Sundance
- Active sites in these counties:

• Beaver	• Summit
• Duchesne	• Tooele
• Grand	• Utah
• Morgan	• Wasatch
• Salt Lake	• Washington
• Sanpete	• Weber
• Sevier	



MAKE AN EVACUATION PLAN



Practical actions before fire starts

- Learn your community's plan
- Understand your evacuation options
- Plan and practice with your family
- Stay alert and aware of conditions



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BACKPACK EMERGENCY

Go Kit!

A WILDFIRE COULD KNOCK OUT YOUR CELL PHONE!

Make a plan, build your emergency "Go Kit" and get back to normal faster!

What would you do if there was a wildfire and you were stuck at school or home alone? It sounds scary, but if you plan ahead of time you'll have the things you need, making it easier to leave your house quickly, and in the case of an evacuation, to make your temporary housing situation more comfortable.

And when fire ignites trees, grass and shrubs and burns into neighborhoods, not only do houses burn, but power lines can get knocked down and there is no electricity to pump gas for the car, get money out of an ATM machine, or to let you recharge your cell phone. Wildfires can also destroy cell towers making it impossible for you to use your cell phone, tablet or laptop even if they are charged. Planning before a wildfire can help you get back to normal sooner.

So what can you do to prepare for a wildfire emergency?

A lot! Follow these key steps to help you get started:

- Bring your parents and talk to school officials to learn about their plans in case of a wildfire or other emergency.
- Create an emergency plan with your family, including knowing where to meet if you are separated.
- Build your own "Go Kit," (a backpack works great) to keep at home—something as unique and awesome as you are! The kit will not only provide comfort during rough times but it will also allow you to be better prepared to help someone else if they need it.
- Create a "secret password" with your parents—one that only you and they know. In case you are home alone and need a ride, your parents can provide the password to the family friend or neighbor who picks you up. That way, you will know this person can be trusted. Remember to change the password once it is used.
- Create a second "Go Kit" to keep at school. Before including any items in your backpack for school, make sure to check with the school about any items you may not be allowed to carry on school grounds.



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Go Kit!

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Suggested items and actions to take to complete your Go Kit (you can probably think of a few more!)

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Fill a small notebook with information about your important contacts. Ask your parents or guardians to help get this information for you.
 - *Work and cell phone numbers for your parent(s) or guardian(s), as well as their work address and an alternate contact at their work in case they are away from their phone.
- Phone numbers of relative(s) who live out of state, in case local cell towers don't work.
- Addresses and phone numbers of your closest friends.
- Names/addresses of three safe locations to meet in case you are away from home and school, such as the local library, a friend or neighbor's home, local police station, hospital, or community center.
- Information about any medical condition you have or medication that you are on and the name and phone number of your doctor.
- If you wear glasses, the prescription information for them.
- Phone numbers for neighbors. They may be able to check on your home or pets.



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WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS FOR HOUSEHOLD PETS: EVACUATION CHECKLIST



Simple tools you'll need to start building your pet's evacuation kit:

- ☐ Large bin or tote with a lid—preferably a waterproof type
- ☐ Clear waterproof sealable plastic bags in multiple sizes
- ☐ A Sharpie-style writing utensil for labeling and marking contents
- ☐ Note pad for documenting special details and needs
- ☐ Pen or pencil
- ☐ One or two flash drives to store copies of paperwork (Copying all the information outlined in the following sections onto a flash drive will provide access if you're evacuated and unable to take the kit due to limited time. Having a backup flash drive that you provide to a friend or relative, is also a good idea so you have an alternate copy if you're unable to take the primary one with you.)

The following items need to be included in each kit and also stored on your flash drive(s):

Pet Vaccination Records:

- ☐ Copies of all current vaccination records for each pet (NOTE: Your pet's most recent rabies registration tag needs to be attached securely to its collar.)

Medications:

- ☐ Keep a list of all current medicines and their associated doses. Your vet's office may also be evacuated or closed during a wildfire, so this information will be important.
- ☐ If possible, keep an extra supply of medicines that your pet takes on a regular basis. Ensure each is labeled with the pet's name and a description of that pet. If you

that needs the medication. Periodically check the expiration dates and replace as needed.

Special Needs Documentation:

- ☐ List of each pet's current physical disabilities or illnesses, emotional or behavioral problems, and how to deal with them
- ☐ Special feeding schedule/requirements
- ☐ Dietary restrictions
- ☐ Allergies

Ownership Records:

- ☐ Adoption records
- ☐ Registration paperwork
- ☐ Pet health insurance policies
- ☐ Municipal or county license tags and paperwork

Microchip Paperwork:

- ☐ Include copies of the animal's microchip paperwork. Update the address listed on the paperwork as needed to keep it accurate and current.
- ☐ Consider enrolling your microchipped pet(s) in a recovery database
- ☐ Verify your pet's microchip enrollment information with AKC Reunite 800-252-7894 or at <http://www.akcreunite.org/petowner/petemergencyguide/>



WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS FOR HORSES: EVACUATION CHECKLIST



Simple tools you'll need to build an evacuation kit for your horse:

- ☐ Large bin or tote with a lid—preferably a waterproof type
- ☐ Clear waterproof sealable plastic bags in multiple sizes
- ☐ A Sharpie-style writing utensil for labeling and marking contents
- ☐ Note pad for documenting special details and needs
- ☐ Pen or pencil
- ☐ One or two flash drives to store copies of paperwork (Copying all the information outlined in the following sections onto a flash drive will provide access if you're evacuated and unable to take the kit due to limited time. Having a backup flash drive that you provide to a friend or relative, is also a good idea so you have an alternate copy if you're unable to take the primary one with you.)

The following items need to be included in each evacuation kit and also stored on the flash drives:

Ownership Records:

- ☐ Breed registration papers
- ☐ Brand inspection
- ☐ Bill of Sale
- ☐ Insurance paperwork

Microchip Paperwork:

- ☐ Include copies of your horse's microchip paperwork. Update the address listed on the paperwork as needed to keep it accurate and current
- ☐ Consider enrolling your microchipped horse in a registry

Identification:

- ☐ Photos of brands
- ☐ Photos of you with the horse showing any unique markings or tattoos

If you're unable to evacuate with the horse, use one of the identification options below:

- ▶ Use spray paint or a livestock crayon to write your name, phone number, and address on the side of the horse.
- ▶ Use clippers to shave your phone number into the horse's coat.
- ▶ Braid a temporary ID tag with pre-written contact info into the horse's mane.
- ▶ Attach a neck band with your contact information.

Vaccination/Health Records:

- ☐ Copies of all current vaccination records
- ☐ Copies of Health Certificates

Medications:

Your vet's office may also be evacuated or closed during a wildfire, so this information will be important.

- ☐ A list of all current medicines and their associated doses
- ☐ If possible, keep an extra supply of medicine that your horse(s) need. Ensure each is labeled with the horse's name and a description if you have multiples (periodically check the expiration dates and replace as needed).

MAKE AN EVACUATION PLAN



Things to remember in evacuation

- Stay together
- Dress for protection
- Drive calmly and carefully
- Follow directions from first responders
- Let others know when you are safe



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**WILDFIRE RISK & RECONSTRUCTION COSTS REMAIN ELEVATED
TAKE ACTION NOW TO PREPARE YOUR FINANCES**

\$ 8.0%
INFLATION SURGED TO
A 41 Year High
AS OF JAN 2023

33.9%
CONSTRUCTION
MATERIALS
rise in costs
JAN 2020 - DEC 2022

HOME INVENTORY

- ☒ Scan and save receipts for big purchases (furniture, electronics, or appliances).
- ☒ Document when, where, and how much you paid for each item.
- ☒ Store your list/inventory offsite or in the cloud.
- ☒ Use your smartphone or video camera to document all your belongings.
- ☒ In the video, describe, in detail, the items in each room, drawer, and closet. Include the garage.
- ☒ Make note of special items (artwork, jewelry, antiques, high-end furnishings, or collections).

Prepare for recovery

- Do you know if you're covered?
- Annual insurance check-up with your agent
- Home inventory

Thank You!

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