

# Arizona – Are You Wildfire Ready and Set to Go?



## Get Finances and Property Ready for Wildfires

### Are You Ready? – Defensible Space Protects, Lives, Homes & Firefighters

- 100 feet of defensible space slows the spread of fire and prevents homes from igniting
- Within 30 feet of buildings and decks remove all dead plants, weeds and grass
- Get rid of dry leaves, pine needles from yard, roof and rain gutters
- Cut back branches hanging over roofs; cut trees 10 feet back from chimney; cut tree branches 6 feet from the ground
- Move wood piles away from homes and decks
- Trim flammable plants near windows; eliminate plants that could burn under decks; consider using fire-resistant plants
- Embers enter homes through vents; install metal mesh vent screens
- The roof is most vulnerable to fire; re-roof with composition, metal or tile shingles
- Have fire extinguishers, hoses, rake and hoe available for fire emergencies

### Are You Set? – Family Evacuation Plan & Emergency Kit

- Create and Practice a Family Evacuation Plan – Make sure all family members know what to do if you are evacuated from a fire; hold a family evacuation drill
- Assign family members to grab items, remember medication, important papers, pets, photo albums, etc.
- Plan where the family would meet if separated by a wildfire; have an out-of-area emergency contact number and rally point to all meet at
- Identify evacuation routes before an event occurs
- Create a Family Emergency Kit – Store kit in closet, garage or dry safe place
- Store Water – one gallon per person
- Have a three-day supply of non-perishable food on hand
- Keep a battery powered radio to get updates from local officials, fresh batteries, flash lights and a first aid kit
- Remember food and water for your pets, important medications or glasses
- Keep some cash on hand – in case ATMs are down
- Keep financial documents in a waterproof, moveable container
- Store blankets or sleeping bags & extra clothes
- Have games and books for kids and adults

### Are You Ready to Go? – Don't Wait Until it's Too Late

- Evacuate when asked to leave by authorities; use recommended evacuation routes
- Remind family members of evacuation plan, where to meet & what to bring
- Bring emergency supply kit, cell phone and radio in your car
- Bring pets, leashes & pet food; remember medication for family members of all ages
- Wear long pants and sleeves, shoes; cover mouth with cloth from smoke
- Once evacuated, contact your insurer with toll-free phone number; save food and hotel receipts which may be covered under Additional Living Expenses of your homeowners insurance policy
- Don't return to home until given clearance by local authorities



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