

Stay safe during wildfire season

California's wildfire season usually runs from June through October. Here are some tips to help you stay safe.



What are wildfires?

Wildfires are fires that burn out of control in natural areas. They can spread extremely fast.

Q Know the alerts

- **Evacuation Warning**
There is a possible threat to life and property. Leave now if you need extra time or have pets.
- **Evacuation Order**
This is a lawful order to leave right away because there is immediate danger to life and property.

Get prepared beforehand

Be ready to leave at any time in case of a wildfire. Build a "go bag" with important items, such as:

- Birth certificates, IDs, passports
- Cash or a payment card
- Cell phone charger
- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit
- Prescription medications
- Medical info (for people and pets)
- N-95 masks
- Sleeping bags
- Water and food that doesn't spoil

To learn more, visit ready.gov/wildfires.

Stay calm and stay safe

Wildfires can cause panic. By learning what to do now, you and your loved ones will be ready to act fast.



During a wildfire

- Find a safe place or shelter
- Follow Shelter-in-place orders
- Text family and friends with updates
- Learn where the wildfires are
- Check your local air quality
- Keep outside air from coming inside
- Keep your indoor space clean
- Don't vacuum—it can spread ash
- Use an air purifier if you can
- Don't eat from your garden if it's smoky out



After a wildfire

- Wait for authorities to say it's safe before going home
- Make sure your water is safe before drinking it
- Watch out for hot ash, embers, and debris
- Ash can be toxic—keep kids and pets away
- Replace medications or equipment if needed
- Take pictures of any damage
- Learn precautions for cleaning after a fire
- Replace lost records, like birth certificates
- Talk to your doctor about any health concerns
- Get mental health support if you need it



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