

# Wildfire LOOKOUT!



## —BE ALERT AND PREPARED—

- **Dry conditions** significantly increase wildfire risk in Hawai'i.
- Wildfires are a **frequent, year-round hazard** across Hawai'i.
- Nearly all wildfires **are started by people**, mostly by accident. **These are preventable!**
- **Drought exacerbates wildfire risk.**
- **Everyone plays a role** in wildfire prevention, preparedness, and safety.
- **Know your role. Do your part. Protect your family, home, and community from wildfire.**



Under the right conditions, anywhere in Hawai'i can burn. Get wildfire-ready.

## Help Do Your Part By Preventing Wildfire



Clear vegetation 10 feet around campfires and BBQs, keep a shovel and water nearby, and put them out **COLD** before walking away.



Be sure machinery (chainsaws, weed trimmers) and recreational vehicles have operating spark arrestors and are maintained regularly.



Heat from vehicle exhaust systems can ignite dry grass - park cars on areas that are paved or where vegetation is trimmed and cleared.



Fireworks are a common cause of brushfires in dry, grassy areas - attend and enjoy public fireworks displays to maximize safety and fire protection.

**Avoid these activities when it's windy or grass and brush are dry!**

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# EASY STEPS TO GET WILDFIRE-READY

## Lighten Your Landscape

- Keep grass short and tree branches high off the ground.
- Clear brush and leaf piles from around your home, including tree branches.
- Remove all dead and dying vegetation from your yard.
- Maintain a 5-foot noncombustible zone around your home.

## Harden Your Home

- Replace combustible materials with noncombustible alternatives, such as Class A roofing, dual-paned tempered windows, and rock or metal fencing instead of wood.
- Screen eaves and vents with 1/8-inch metal mesh to help prevent ember intrusion.
- Protect windows by clearing vegetation beneath them and closing windows before evacuating.

## Plan Ahead

- Create and practice a family evacuation plan— pay attention and be ready to leave early and immediately; have your go bag ready.
- Coordinate in advance with neighbors who may need transportation or other assistance during an evacuation.
- Work together with your neighbors toward a wildfire-safe neighborhood.

### For more information:

- Wildfire LOOKOUT! informational resources: [hwmo.org/lookout](http://hwmo.org/lookout)
- Ready, Set, Go! Hawai'i Wildland Fire Action Guide: [hwmo.org/get-prepared-materials](http://hwmo.org/get-prepared-materials)
- Wildfire preparedness materials, wildfire plans, maps, and more: [hwmo.org](http://hwmo.org)
- Hawai'i Firewise Communities Program for neighborhood preparedness support: [hwmo.org/firewise-program](http://hwmo.org/firewise-program)

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