



## MONTHLY PREPAREDNESS TOPIC

### HOW TO PREPARE:

Wildfires often begin unnoticed, however they spread very quickly. Reduce your risk by preparing now - before wildfire strikes. Meet with your family to decide what to do and where to go if wildfires threaten your area

- Clearly mark all driveway entrances and display your house number or address.
- Identify and maintain an adequate water source outside your home, such as a small pond, cistern, well or swimming pool.
- Select building materials and plants that resist fire. Check this list for fire resistant plants in your area.
- Regularly clean roofs and gutters.
- Plan several escape routes away from your home - by car and by foot.
- Select a family meeting place outside of your neighborhood in case you cannot get home or need to evacuate.

# WILDFIRE

## DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Two zones make up the 100 feet of defensible space:

- Zone 1 - extends 30 feet out from structures
  - Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds (vegetation).
  - Trim trees regularly to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees.
  - Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows.
- Zone 2: extends up to 100 feet from structures
  - Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches.
  - Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees.
  - Create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs and trees.
  - Remove fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches. However, they may be permitted to a depth of 3 inches.

## EVACUATION LEVELS

**LEVEL 1 (READY)** – Get your evacuation supplies together

**LEVEL 2 (SET)** – Be prepared to leave at a moments notice

**LEVEL 3 (GO)** – Evacuate NOW, leave immediately



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