



Your Property is “Ready” Now Get Your Household “Set”

Nevada County Office of Emergency Services shares more Ready, Set, Go! tips for wildfire season

With much of California experiencing extreme drought conditions, climate and fire experts alike estimate the state is looking at another historic wildfire season. The best way to prepare for wildfire is to follow the Ready, Set, Go! model provided by CAL FIRE and customized by the Office of Emergency Services for Nevada County residents. From Lake of the Pines to Truckee, all residents should be preparing for wildfire.

Residents were encouraged to use the cooler weather of winter and spring to “Ready” their properties by building defensible space. Now, with the high temperatures and low moisture levels of summer, Office of Emergency Services is asking everyone to be sure they are “Set” with a refreshed go bag, optimized evacuation plan and good working knowledge of the tools and information resources used in the event of an emergency. “Much of what we recommend we hope to never use, but experience has shown us that a well-prepared community is key to saving lives should disaster strike,” says Nevada County Office of Emergency Services (OES) Program Manager, Paul Cummings.

CoderED and Nixle Emergency Alerts:

Residents east of Donner Summit, are encouraged to register for both CoderED and Nixle Emergency Alerts to stay informed in the event of an emergency.

Nevada County will use CoderED Emergency Alerts to communicate an Evacuation Warning or Order. The Truckee Police Department and Truckee Fire Protection District will use Nixle Everbridge Alerts as the primary method of communication during critical incidents.

Helpful tips!

- Register for alerts at ReadyNevadaCounty.org/EmergencyAlerts.
- Make sure to add CoderED Emergency Alerts to your contacts, (866) 419-5000 and (855) 969-4636, so you don't mistake your alert for spam.
- Register for Nixle via the app
 1. From your mobile device send “APP” to 888-777 to receive a link to download the Everbridge Mobile App.
 2. Download, install, and open the app.
 3. Find an Organization or Subscription. Type in 96161 and subscribe to Truckee Police Department and Truckee Fire Protection District.

Know Your Zone:

In the event of a wildfire, law enforcement and fire agencies issue Evacuation Warnings or Orders for impacted areas. These notices are issued for specific evacuation zones. During an emergency, CoderED and Nixle Emergency Alerts, social media posts and news outlets will reference the zones that are under an Evacuation Warning or Order. Zones and Emergency Alerts work together to save time when minutes count. Know your zone.



Camp Fire survivors Sara Joslin and her mother, Vicky Joslin, pack their go bags to prepare for the fire season.

Here's how:

1. Visit community.zonehaven.com
2. Enter your address into the search bar.
3. Find your zone in the pop-up window and write it down.

Pack Your Go Bag:

Now is the time to get a go bag ready with enough medications, food, water, important documentation, clothing, pet supplies, and anything else needed to get by for at least three days. It is recommended that go bags get refreshed annually. Be sure food and medications have not expired, and that clothes still fit.

Find Your Five Emergency Allies:

Create a network of friends, family, and neighbors to rely on and support during an emergency. This network will help communicate vetted information, and may even help with evacuation or transportation. “This is really about connecting as a community to increase our ability to quickly and safely respond to wildfire,” says OES Senior Administrative Analyst, Jenn Tamo. “We encourage neighbors to look out for neighbors. Many of our residents don't have anyone they can rely on. If you know someone who cannot drive or is homebound, consider putting them in your network of five emergency allies. Who in your neighborhood can you help?,” adds Cummings.

Stay in the Know:

There are many online resources for those with Internet access. Visit ReadyNevadaCounty.org/Dashboard, and follow Nevada County OES on Facebook and Twitter. “If you are looking for information during a disaster, don't call 911, call 211 Connecting Point,” advises Tamo. “Our office communicates directly with 211 to share updates on evolving situations.”

Identify trusted news sources now. Outlets like Sierra Sun, KTKE, KOH AM talk station AM780, and 211 Connecting Point will be regularly updated during an emergency. Bookmark webpages and set radio stations to easily find up to date information.

Be Generator Savvy:

Utility companies may turn power off during extreme fire danger. Be sure to practice generator safety. Service generators regularly, and make sure they are freshly fueled, run in an open space, and that extension cords are properly size to carry the electrical load.

Scout your Route:

During a fire, roads may be closed or congested with traffic. Knowing alternate routes out is an advantage. In the Camp Fire, there were so many fires burning that it turned day into night, blocking out the sun and reducing visibility.

Knowing evacuation routes is critical because anxiety will be at an all-time high during an emergency. Plans should be so simple that they may be implemented when one is tired, scared, and stressed. “That is another reason to have your go bag ready, because in the moment you won't be thinking clearly,” Cummings explained. “The Jones fire was a wakeup call for a lot of people. 11,000 got an Evacuation Warning and 4,000 residents received an Evacuation Order. We need everyone ready, in case they need to go.”

Red Flag Warnings:

Understand Red Flag Warnings issued by the National Weather Service. These warnings will be issued within 24 hours of extreme fire weather. If a warning has been issued, prepare for a quick escape. Keep a full tank of gas, go bags and pets nearby, be prepared for extended planned power outages, and check in with emergency allies.



ASSEMBLE GO BAGS FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY

- Three-day supply of non-perishable food and three gallons of water per person
- Map marked with evacuation routes
- List of important numbers in case your cell phone is lost
- Prescriptions, special medications
- Assistive devices or durable medical equipment
- Battery-powered radio
- Extra batteries
- Pet & service animalsupplies (food, water, carrier, leashes)
- Change of clothing
- Sturdy shoes for walking
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- N95 mask
- An extra set of car keys
- Credit cards, cash, or checks
- Flashlight
- Sanitation supplies
- Cell phone charging cord and extra battery
- Diaper bag
- First aid kit
- Your **Ready, Set, Go! Handbook**

SECURE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTATION FOR RECOVERY

- Maintain copies or digital records of important documents such as: Proof of residency, ID, passport, green card, birth certificates, insurance policies, tax records, vehicle titles, Social Security cards, Medicare cards, CalFresh card, military records, as well as real estate and property records, etc.