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Community Preparedness
Work with your neighbors to protect your community from wildfires by following these preparedness tips:

- Follow evacuation instructions from your local emergency officials.
- Hold community meetings and work with neighbors to prepare the neighborhood for wildfires.
- Practice two ways out of your neighborhood; you will be more prepared if roads are blocked.
- Make sure driveways and house numbers are clearly marked and can be seen from the road.
- Meet with your local fire department. Find out how department personnel can help you prepare for wildfires.
- Always stay aware of your environment, and when asked to leave by your local emergency officials, please do so. A delay could cost your life!

Please visit the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Toolkit at www.usfa.fema.gov/WUI_toolkit, which is designed to assist fire departments to prepare for, respond to, and educate themselves and their communities about wildfire risks.

For more information, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/wildfire.html.
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**Personal Responsibility**
You can protect your family and home from wildfires by following these safety tips:

- **Make and frequently practice a family evacuation plan that includes meeting locations, a communication plan and pet accommodations.**
- **Use building and yard materials that won't burn easily.**
- **Keep an area up to 100 feet around your home lean, clean and green.**
- **Clean your roof, gutters and deck of dead leaves and pine needles often.**
- **Create an emergency bag of personal items that you will need if you are asked to leave your home.**
- **Leave your home when asked to do so.**