

## FIREWISE INFORMATION PACKET (digital version)

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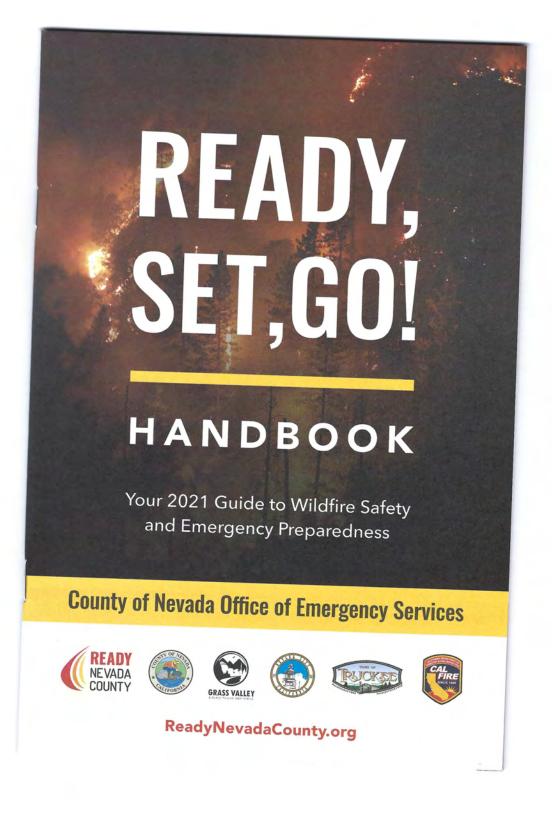
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## What's in this digital Packet

- National Firewise USA Program Certificate of Recognition of GCHNA as a recognized Firewise Community (to give to your home insurance provider if necessary or helpful)
- Ready, Set, Go! Handbook
- Evacuated Tag/Sign from the NC Sheriff & Know Your Zone magnet for refrigerator
- Reflective Safety Address Signs Order Form
- Information about Code RED Emergency Alerts
- Disaster Preparedness Supplies
- Evacuation Order & Fire Entrapment Checklist
- Wildfire Evacuation Checklist
- Evacuation Plan
- Emergency Information Sources
- How to Stay Informed During Wildfire Season
- California Fire Safe Council Defensible Space and Home Hardening Pamphlets

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2021	ONAL FIREWISE USA® PROGRAM	OF RECOGNITION	The National Fire Protection Association acknowledges that Greater Cement Hill Neidhborhood Association		has successfully completed the Firewise USA <sup>®</sup> program's annual requirements for 2021 and is a participating site in good standing throughout the 2022 calendar year.	NFPA FIREWISE USA RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS	
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Download most recent version at: https://www.mynevadacounty.com/DocumentCenter/View/38222/RNC2021\_Handbook-WEB



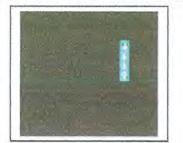
#### Refrigerator Magnet To find out your Zone: https://community.zonehaven.com/

Tag to put at the end of your drieway when you evacuate to save time for fire fighters and the sheriff.

#### **REFLECTIVE SAFETY SIGNS**

In the daylight, your home will be easy to find...





#### But when night falls, can you read your address?

Emergency personnel have a difficult time finding you at night if you have an address sign that isn't reflective. Precious minutes will be wasted as they try to find you on a darkened road with little or no street lights. Fill out the information below to have a green reflective address sign made specifically for your home, street, or to label for fire turn around.

Fire Safe Council of Nevada County product sales benefit our community by supporting the many services and projects offered to make the community safer from wildfire.

Signs are all weather, UV resistant metal with 1" x 4" numbers printed on your choice of one or both sides. These signs are compliant with 2010 California Fire Code requirements. Pre-drilled holes make mounting easy! Mounting posts are not included, but are readily available at local hardware stores, if you don't already have a post to mount it to. We recommend mounting it, so it is visible in the line of sight as you approach your home from the roadway.

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All signs are to be picked up at our office, located at 143 B Spring Hill Dr, Grass Valley, CA 95945. You may purchase online through PayPal. Or mail to: FSCNC, P.O. Box 1112, Grass Valley, CA 95945. Please call our office with any questions at (530) 272-1122. Please allow 2-3 weeks for order completion. Rev. 190410

#### **Register for CodeRED Emergency Alerts**

#### What is CodeRED?

CodeRED is an opt-in notification system used by the County of Nevada to notify residents in an emergency. These alerts may be received as text, email, landline, cell phone, and TTY.

#### How to register for CodeRED?

Residents can sign up for CodeRED alerts at https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/CA8B57E20D17.

#### Sign Up Tips

- Sign Up Your Family and other house members: It is recommended to sign up all phone numbers associated with your home address. For example, sign up your cell phone, your landline, and your family members cell phones who are living at your residence so everyone receives a CodeRED emergency alert during an emergency event in your neighborhood.
- Add CodeRED's Numbers to Your Phone: It is also recommended to add CodeRED's two phone numbers 1(866) 419-5000 and 1(855) 969-4636 to your cell phone and/or landline contacts as "CodeRED Emergency Alerts." This way, when you receive a phone call from either of CodeRED's phone numbers during an emergency event, you will be able to recognize the call as a CodeRED alert rather than easily mistaking the 1-866 or 1-855 number as a telemarketer.
- Create a Managed Account: Residents are given the option to create a managed account, or simply review and submit their information. Creating a managed account is recommended because it will allow you access to modify your existing notification settings and contact information.
- Set Your Alert Preferences (call, text, and email): Registering for CodeRED alerts is 100% FREE and simple. Residents can customize their alert preferences and choose to receive alerts via phone call, text, and/or email.
- CodeRED Mobile Alert App: Residents can also download the FREE CodeRED Mobile Alert app to receive notifications directly to their mobile device, however it is highly recommended for residents to register for CodeRED alerts rather than just downloading the app. The CodeRED Mobile Alert app is available through the Apple Store or Google Play.

#### Sign Up Questions?

211 Connecting Point is helping Nevada County residents with sign up assistance. Residents with 530 area codes can dial 2-1-1 to talk to someone over the phone who can help you sign up for CodeRED Emergency Alerts. However, accounts set up over the phone will not be a managed account where information can be modified later. If 211 is not able to answer your question, they will help refer you to Nevada County's Office of Emergency Services (OES).

#### More information about CodeRED can be found at:

https://www.mynevadacounty.com/2713/Emergency-Alerts

#### **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS - SUPPLIES**

Use this as a guide to create your own personalized list.

- 1. Gas: Always make sure yoour gas tank is at least half full in case you eed to head out on a moment's notice in potentially heavy traffic.
- 2. Duffel bags and other containers to store supplies
- 3. Emergency radio with multi-power source options. Find on that has a bilt-in light and phone charger
- 4. First Aid Kit that includes: sissors, tweezers, antibiotic cream, band-aids, 2s2 gauze squares, tape, dish towel (to use as a sling), safety pins, aspirin and/or ibuprofen, Q-tips, latex or rubber gloves
- 5. Flashlights and extra batteries
- 6. Prescripton medications minimum 3 day supply. Save ol Rx bottles with the medication information on them.
- 7. Spare glasses and/or contacts
- 8. Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, comb, brush, deodorant, hand sanitizer, wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues and sunscreen
- 9. Clothing: shoes, socks, underwear, pants, shirts (short and long-sleeved), sweatshirt or jacket, rain poncho, hat, leather gloves (clothing items that could protect you from the heat from the fire and touching hot objects)
- 10. Cash: small bills and coins, in case ATM's and credit card processors are not readily available.
- 11. Copies of important documents: drivers license, passport, birth certificate, marriage certificate, social security card, midication list, medicare and medical insurance cards, insurance policy list with policy number and contact info for agent, list of credit cards and ATM cards, vehicle registration (pink slips), property deeds, list with insurance agent, doctors, accountant, attorney, financial advisor, first page of statement from financial institutions showing account number and contact info
- 12. Mobile phone charging cable, portable chargers
- 13. Video and/or photos of your home and the contents
- 14. Pet supplies, including collar and leash, food, license, chip numbers, vet's name, contact info, list of recent vaccinations with dates, medicine, treats, food and water bowls, poop bags, blanket.
- 15. Water
- 16. Food and utensils

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Time Available 0-10 Minutes	Priority 1	Task Load your medications, important documents, supplies and pets into vehicle. Park car in driveway facing out with keys in ignition for a quick exit. Disconnect automatic garage door opener for quick access by emergency person
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1 Hour to 4 Mours	12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 1	If available, set up portable gasoline powered pump. If combustible materials are present, place lawn sprinklers on the roof and near above-ground fuel tanks and wet down. Do not leave sprinklers unattended; turn off when you leave your home. Wet or remove shrubs within 30 feet of home. Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or heavy aluminum foil. Fill garbage cans and buckets with water and place in front of house. Protect water sources - wet down pump house, clear flammable vegetation away from supply infrastructure. Implement evacuation of livestock.
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#### WILDFIRE EVACUATION CHECKLIST

Source:

https://www.firesafemarin.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/FIRESafe\_MARIN\_Evacuation\_Checklist.pdf

#### EVACUATION ORDER: Leave now! Evacuate immediately. Do not delay to gather valuables or prepare your home. Follow any directions given in the evacuation order.

#### ALWAYS:

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- Keep your cell phone fully charged.
- Notify an out-of-area contact of your phone number, location and status. Update regularly.
- Leave a note with your contact info and out-of-area contact taped to fridge or inside a front window.
- Check on or call neighbors to alert them to prepare at first sign of fire.

#### **ON YOUR PERSON**

- Dress all family members in long sleeves and long pants; heavy cotton or wool is best, no matter how hot it is.
- Wear full coverage goggles, leather gloves, head protection.
- Cover faces with a dry cotton or wool bandanna or scarf over an N95 respirator. Tie long hair back.
- Carry a headlamp and flashlight (even during the day).
- Carry car keys, wallet, ID, cell phone, and spare battery.
- Drink plenty of water, stay hydrated.
- Put "Go Kits" (reverse) in your vehicle.

#### PETS & ANIMALS

- Locate your pets and place in carriers NOW. You won't be able to catch them when the fire approaches.
- Be sure your pets wear tags and are registered with microchips.
- Place carriers (with your pets in them) near the front door, with fresh water and extra food.
- Prepare horses and large animals for transport and consider moving them to a safe location early, before evacuation is ordered.

#### WILDFIRE & EMERGENCY "GO KIT"

Put together an emergency supply kit in advance for each family member and keep it easily accessible. Plan to be away from your home for an extended period of time. Each person should have their own Go Kit. Store kits in backpacks.

- Bandana, N95 respirator, goggles, leather gloves, long shirt and pants (cotton or wool), boots, hat
- Flashlight and headlamp with spare batteries
- Extra car keys, credit cards, cash

#### **EVACUATION WARNING:** Evacuate as

soon as possible. A short delay to gather your Go Kit and prepare your home may be OK. Leave if you feel unsafe or conditions change.

#### IF TIME ALLOWS:

#### INSIDE THE HOUSE

- Shut all windows and doors (interior too) and leave them unlocked.
- Remove combustible window shades and curtains; close metal shutters.
- Move furniture to the center of the room, away from windows.
- Leave indoor and outdoor lights on.
- Shut off HVAC and ceiling fans.

#### OUTSIDE & IN NEIGHBORHOOD

- Place combustible outdoor items (patio furniture, toys, doormats, trash cans, etc.) in garage or 30' from structures (optional: place in a pool).
- Shut off gas at the meter or propane tank; move small tanks at least 15' away from combustibles.
- Connect garden hoses with squeezegrip nozzles to outdoor spigots for use by firefighters.
- Fill water buckets and place around outside of house, especially near decks and fences.
- Clean your gutters and blow leaves away from house.
- Back your car into driveway, loaded, with doors and windows closed.
- Prop open fence and side gates.
- Place ladder(s) at the corner(s) of structures for firefighters.
- Seal attic and ground vents with precut plywood or metal covers (even duct tape will protect from ember entry) if time allows.
- Patrol your property and monitor conditions. Leave if spot fires ignite or conditions change.
  - Map marked with two evacuation routes (if possible)
  - Prescription medications
  - Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- First aid kit
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Copies of important docs (birth certificates, passports, insurance policies, etc.)
- Pet food and water, leashes, pet supplies and medications

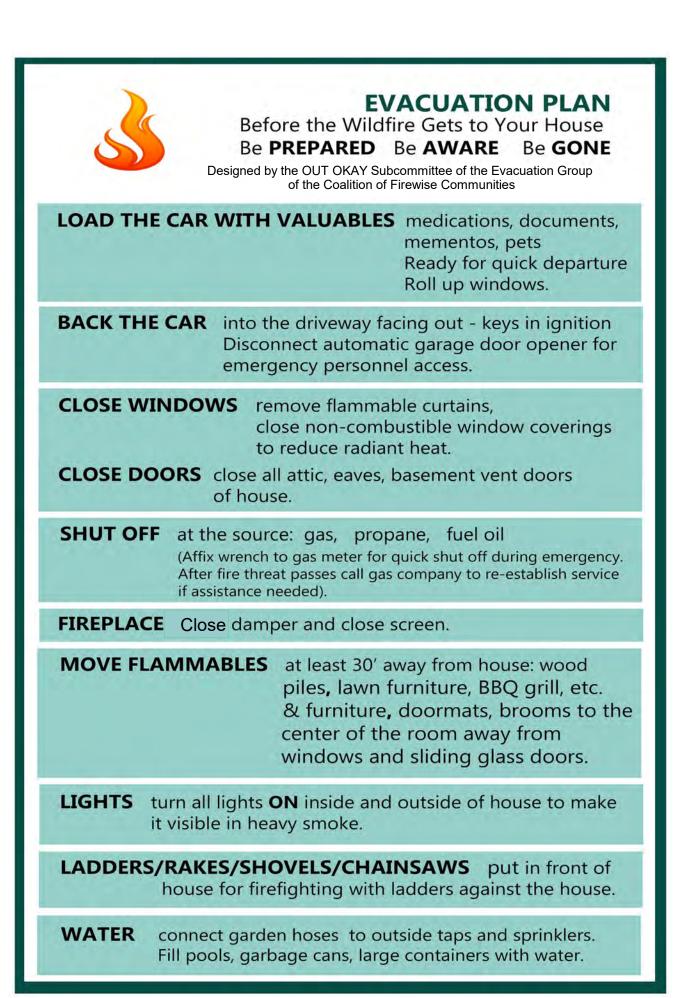
#### SHELTER IN PLACE: Stay in your current location or the safest nearby building or unburnable area. May be required when evacuation is impossible, too dangerous, or unnecessary.

#### WHEN YOU LEAVE:

- Leave immediately if ordered.
- Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel unsafe or conditions change; leave early if unsure.
- Assist elderly or disabled neighbors.
- Carpool with neighbors to reduce traffic.
- Take only essential vehicles with adequate fuel.
- In your car, turn on headlights, close windows, turn on Inside air and AC, tune to local radio.
- Drive slowly and defensively; be observant.
- The best evacuation route is usually the one you know best. Take the fastest paved route to a valley floor, away from the fire if possible.
- Proceed downhill, away from the fire if possible. Know at least two routes.
- If roads are impassable or you are trapped: take shelter in a building, car, or an open area; park in an outside turn if trapped on a hillside; stay far from vegetation; look for wide roads, parking lots, playing fields, etc.
- If trapped, you are better protected inside a building or vehicle.
- Don't abandon your car in the road if passage is impossible. If you must leave your car, park it off the road and consider other options for shelter.
- Evacuate on foot only as a last resort.
- Don't evacuate by fire road, uphill, or into open-space areas with unburned vegetation.
- Remain calm panic is deadly.
- Water bottles and food
- Sanitation supplies
- □ Change of clothing
- Spare chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.

#### Items to take only if time allows:

- Easily carried valuables
- Family photos, small heirlooms, and other irreplaceable items
- Personal computer data and digital information backups on hard drives and/or disks



#### **EMERGENCY INFORMATION SOURCES**

#### YubaNet

#### www.yubanet.com/fire

"Yubanet.com delivers daily news to the sierra, from the Sierra ... [and] tracks larger [fire] incidents in the Sierra, Throughout California and nationally...."

Local Radio Stations:

KVMR 89.5 or 105.1 FM KNCO 830 AM or STAR 94.1 FM

#### Ready Nevada County Dashboard

#### www.mynevadacounty.com

Search for "dashboard" on the website

- Acres Burned
- Percent Contained
- Personnel on Site
- Structures Damages

#### Cal Fire

(530) 823-4083 Call for current fire information

#### **Zone Haven**

#### www.zonehaven.com

Evacuation Management and Community Support

- FireWise Communities
- My Fire Department
- Educational resources
- Rules and Enforcement
- Insurance Issues
- Advocacy
- Fire Preparedness Agencies and Resources

#### Nevada County Coalition of FireWise Communities www.NCCoalitionFWC.com

#### HOW TO STAY INFORMED DURING WILDFIRE SEASON

Check these **National Weather Service** websites for weather watches, warnings, and advisories: *Western Nevada County* - <u>https://www.weather.gov/sto/.</u> *Truckee* - <u>https://www.weather.gov/rev/</u>

To get PG&E **Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)** forecasts: <u>https://m.pge.com/#registration</u>. Register your account and then set up your "Profile & Alerts." Enter your email and all phone numbers.

#### Sign Up Now to Receive Emergency Alerts

*Western Nevada County*: CodeRED Emergency Alerts <u>mynevadacounty.com/emergencyalerts</u>. (On your smartphone, you can also text READYNEVADACOUNTY to 99411 to be linked directly to the sign-up page – be sure to complete your registration at the link texted to you.) It's best to create a "managed account." Input your information for all your landline/cell phone/text/emails. If you need help signing up, dial 2-1-1 or 1-833-DIAL211 for assistance. Add the following phone numbers to your "Favorites" on your cellphone so you won't think a CodeRED telephone alert is a spam call: Emergency Alerts (866) 419-5000; Non-emergency alerts (855) 969-4636.

in Truckee: Nixle Everbridge Emergency Alerts https://local.nixle.com/register/

**Know your Evacuation Zone Number**: visit <u>community.zonehaven.com</u> and type your address in the search box. Write it down AND save it in your cellphone. Use the *Find Your Five* plan (pg 18, <u>Ready Set</u> <u>Go Handbook</u>) to **create a "buddy system" of friends** who will alert you when they hear there's a fire.

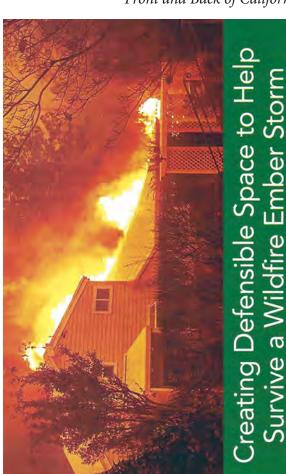
#### Monitor These Local Media To Stay Informed During An Actual Emergency

CodeRED and Nixle emergency alerts work only when cell phone towers and telephone lines are working. *There is no guarantee you will receive an alert during an emergency, and it's easy for rumors and misinformation to spread,* so it's critical that you also **monitor the trusted sources of information listed below**. And remember that battery-operated, car/truck, and hand-crank radios will still work if your electricity goes out.

- Radio: KVMR 89.5 FM (western county) or KVMR 105.1 FM (Truckee/Tahoe) Nevada County's Emergency Info Station (staffed 24/7). If you have an iPhone, download the KVMR Radio app.
- Radio: KNCO 830 AM or STAR 94.1 FM
- Internet: the County's <u>ReadyNevadaCounty.org</u> website, during an emergency, will post a link to important evolving event information at the top of every page.
- Internet: the <u>Ready Nevada County Dashboard</u> (works best with Chrome browser) will have liveupdate information on large wildfire and evacuation incidents *only* when the county's Emergency Operations Center is activated. Put the <u>mobile version</u> on your smartphone. Also has a tool for learning your Evacuation Zone number, pre-planning evacuation routes, PSPS info, and more.
- Internet: YubaNet.com https://yubanet.com/ Click on "Happening Now"
- Internet: The Union.com <u>https://www.theunion.com/</u>
- Internet: Facebook Nevada County Office of Emergency Services and Nevada County Sheriff's Office
- Texts: Breaking News from The Union: text "UnionNews" (without quotes) to the number 86677
- Texts: text your zip code to 888777 to get Nevada County Sheriff's Office alerts
- Twitter: @NevCoOES; @NevCoSheriff; @YubaNetFire; @YubaNet; @TheUnion; @CAL\_FIRE; @CALFIRENEU (Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit); @PGE4Me; @PlacerSheriff
- Cal Fire: https://www.fire.ca.gov/ or (530) 823-4083 (call volume may be high) for large incidents.
- 2-1-1 Connecting Point: <u>https://211connectingpoint.org/</u> or dial 2-1-1 on your phone (or 1-833-342-5211). A free service (open 24/7) for official information on evacuations, road closures, mass care shelters, animal evacuations, social services, etc. Do not dial 9-1-1 just to request information.

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**DURING AN EMBER STORM**, flying embers can ignite anything combustible in their path, including your home and anything near it, such as plants or patio furniture.

Defensible homes should have nothing ignitable within the first 5 feet, and reduced fuels out to 100 feet or the property line (whichever is closer). Creating and maintaining defensible space around a house—while hardening the home against wind- or heat-driven embers, flames, and heat—will increase the likelihood that it survives a wildfire. Defensible space also helps firefighters be safer while protecting property.

If a home is difficult to find, is surrounded by dense vegetation, or doesn't provide enough safe space for firefighters to work, it may be too dangerous to attempt to save. This brochure is a guide to help you create your defensible space and find additional information and resources.

#### Front and Back of California Fire Safe Council pamphlet (firesafecouncil.org)

## Helpful Resources

The **CALIFORNIA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL** (CFSC) helps coordinate a strong network of partnerships with local, regional, state, and national organizations in order to help California residents acquire the education, resources, and tools they need to be better prepared for wildfire. Defensible Space is the law in wildfire-prone areas. Contact CAL FIRE or your local fire department for specific defensible space information and local ordinances. ReadyForWildfire.org/Defensible-Space

Contact your local Fire Safe Council to get involved. FireSafeCouncil.org



Sign up for CAL FIRE Alerts: ReadyForWildfire.org/Ready-for-Wildfire-App

Look for an emergency alert system in your county.

# ALWAYS CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

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