

Fire Checklist

Be Prepared

- Create a codeReady Plan that includes a Go Plan.
- Build a 3-day codeReady Kit. (You may need to take part or all of this kit with you if you leave your home.)
- Install smoke alarms and keep a fire extinguisher on every level of your home.
- Plan and practice an evacuation from your home with your family.
- Clear the view from the street to your house so that emergency responders can easily see the house numbers.

Prevent Fires

- Respect burning bans issued by authorities, and comply with your local ordinances on backyard burning.
- Teach children about fire safety.
- Keep children and loose clothing away from fire sources.
- Turn off portable heating devices when you leave home or go to bed.
- Make sure the fire in the fireplace is out before leaving the room at night.
- Use a sturdy screen or glass closure in front of your fireplace.
- Clean your dryer vents and exhaust pipes regularly to prevent lint build-up. Do not run your dryer while you're asleep or away from your home.
- Do not leave burning candles unattended.
- If you smell gas (a rotten-egg smell) in your home, contact your local utility company or a qualified heating contractor.
- Clean your roof and gutter of leaves and pine needles.
- Trim branches that overhang your home or are within 20 feet of your chimney.

If a Wildfire Is Approaching

- Call 911 for help.
- Close all entrances, windows and other openings.
- Have tools and water accessible.
- Dress to protect yourself. Don't forget your face.
- Wet down the roof.
- Turn off residential fuel. If you use natural gas or butane, turn it off at the tank or meter.
- Back as many vehicles as possible into the garage and shut the door. Park other vehicles so that they're heading in the direction of your evacuation route.
- Evacuate family members.