



Wildfire Safety Tips

Minimize the risk of wildfire around your home by:

- 1 **Creating** an emergency plan so you can be prepared if an evacuation order is issued. If told to evacuate, do so immediately.
- 2 **Clearing** leaves and other vegetative debris from roofs, gutters, porches, and decks. This helps prevent embers from igniting your home.
- 3 **Removing** dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house.
- 4 **Screening** in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- 5 **Removing** flammable materials such as wood piles, propane tanks within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- 6 **Pruning** trees so the lowest branches are at least 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- 7 **Keeping** your yard and lawn maintained. If it is brown, cut it down and dispose of the clippings to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.
- 8 **Inspecting** shingles or roof tiles. Replace or repair the shingles that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.
- 9 **Covering** exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.

Protect yourself from wildfire smoke by:

- 1 **Limiting** time and activity outdoors as much as possible. Do not rely on dust masks for protection. They do not block the small particles in wildfire smoke.
- 2 **Shutting** windows and doors.
- 3 **Keeping** pets indoors and limiting walks for dogs until the air quality improves.
- 4 **Reducing** indoor pollution by not using candles, fireplaces, gas stoves, or vacuums.
- 5 **Turning** air conditioning units to recirculate mode in your home and car or using ceiling or portable fans.
- 6 **Avoiding** use of whole house fans that suck outdoor air into your home.
- 7 **Contacting** your doctor if you are experiencing health symptoms. If your symptoms require immediate attention, dial 911 for emergency assistance.
- 8 **Paying attention** to local air quality reports.

Sign up for Emergency Notifications at [Yolo-Alert.org](https://www.yolo-alert.org). Stay up to date on City news and events using our online resources at [CityofDavis.org](https://www.cityofdavis.org).

Sources: National Fire Protection Association and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention