

Wildfire Safety and Preparation



Corrales Fire Department is available to answer question and assist you in making your property more prepared for wildfires. Call us at [505-898-7501](tel:505-898-7501). Being prepared for Wildfire is always important but as hot and dry days continue everyone should have a plan and evaluate your home and property for wildland fire safety. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is a great site for information. [CLICK HERE](#) another great site is "Ready for Wildfire" and the Ready Set Go program [CLICK HERE](#) . **Access to New Mexico's Ready, Set Go information.** In addition to making sure your property is prepared you need to have an evacuation plan for you and your animals. If you have questions or need assistance building a plan or would like to schedule a evacuation training call [505-702-4182](tel:505-702-4182) or email [tlattin \[at\] corrales-nm.org](mailto:tlattin@corrales-nm.org) () a great resource to help you get

started is FEMA's [Ready.gov](#). [CLICK HERE](#)

Ready, Set, Go!

Wildfire destroys thousands of acres and threatens hundreds of homes across New Mexico each year. The [Ready, Set, Go! \(RSG\)](#) program helps residents be [Ready](#) with preparedness understanding, be [Set](#) with situational awareness when fire threatens, and to [Go](#), acting early when a wildfire starts. T

GET READY:

Being "Ready" for wildfire starts with maintaining an adequate defensible space around your home. Clear dry brush and vegetation away from the outside of your home starting in the 5-foot zone and working your way out to the 100-200-foot zone. Without this buffer, the fire will quickly spread through surrounding vegetation to your home. Consider fire resistant

landscaping and hardening your home with fire-resistant building materials. Flying embers from a wildfire can destroy homes up to a mile away.

GET SET:

Prepare yourself and your home for the possibility of evacuation BEFORE wildfire arrives. Follow these simple steps to get “Set”:

Create a Wildfire Action Plan that includes evacuation planning for your home, family and pets

Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit for each person in your household

Fill out a Family Communication Plan that includes important evacuation and contact information

Stay informed by following local media, local fire alerts, and county emergency notifications.

GO!

If there is an active wildfire in your area, be prepared before it's time to Go!

If time allows, review your Wildfire Action Plan and complete the Pre-Evacuation Preparation Steps in the RSG guide. Load your emergency supply kit and evacuation bags (including pet kits) into your vehicle and park facing the road for a quick exit. You don't need to wait for an evacuation order. If you feel threatened, then evacuate early. When an evacuation order is issued, there is no time to waste. Ensure your bags and kit are in your vehicle, locate and load your pets, wear clothing that will protect you against heat and flying embers, and GO!

HOME IGNITION ZONE CHECKLIST

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SIMPLE STEPS FROM ROOF TO FOUNDATION TO MAKE A HOME SAFER FROM EMBERS AND RADIANT HEAT

- ☐ Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles that could catch embers
- ☐ Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration
- ☐ Reduce embers that could pass through vents in the eaves by installing 1/8 inch metal mesh screening
- ☐ Clean debris from exterior attic vents and install 1/8 inch metal mesh screening to reduce embers
- ☐ Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows
- ☐ Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating
- ☐ Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors - mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles - anything that can burn
- ☐ Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches

VISIT [FIREWISE.ORG](https://www.firewise.org) FOR MORE DETAILS

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