



## Wildfire Safety and Evacuation Guide

Wildfire season is upon us. With that, it's time to get READY - your home, your family, and your evacuation plan.

Dewey-Humboldt is predominately located in a Wildland/Urban Interface area, which means we are more susceptible to being affected by a wildfire. The reality is, there will never be enough resources to stop a wildfire in its tracks, and fuel and Mother Nature will determine how devastating a wildfire will become. For us, fuel is mostly vegetation and lumber, and Mother Nature will control the humidity and the wind. Too much easily ignited fuel, too low humidity, and too high wind can transform a spark into the next disaster, so we should be ready.

Keep "fuel" away from your house. Clear everything combustible 5 feet from the eaves of your home. Keep trees 30 feet from your home, or trim branches above your eaves. Thin all vegetation within 100 feet from your home, Creating a defensible space and planting firewise plants could protect your property if a fire ever gets close. To learn about the ignition zone around your home and how to prepare your property, click [here](#).

Educate your family on fire danger and fire safety. Everyone can look out for smoke and be aware of how to react. Everyone can prevent fires by learning about fire danger. Everyone can reach out to a neighbor to offer a little help, because we'll likely be in their shoes in the future and will hope that we have neighbors that care.

If evacuation becomes necessary, prepare and plan ahead. Test your plan. Gather what is precious, valuable, and needed. Practice loading it all into the vehicle and know where you'll go and how to get there, along with an alternate route. What will you're children do if they miss school. How will you keep them occupied? How will you transport and care for your animals? If you need help evacuating, who will you call and how will you make sure everything is ready, with enough time?

Below are some links to resources that may assist you in being ready and that can help you answer the above questions. Most have contact information from which you can gather even more information. We highly recommend that you do this, as early as possible, every year. You'll never be sorry that you are ready to survive a wildfire disaster.

- [Code Red](#) Emergency Notification System
- [Ready.gov](#) Emergency Preparedness by the United States Department of Homeland Security - Make a Family Plan [here](#).
- [AZ Department of Forestry and Fire - Living with Wildfire](#) Homeowners Firewise guide for Arizona.
- [National Fire Protection Association - Wildfire Safety Tips](#) Preparedness Information and Knowledge
- [Large Animal Shelters & Emergency Readiness - LASER](#) Emergency Shelter for Horses, Miniature Horses/Ponies, Mules/Donkeys, Goats, Sheep,

- Chickens, Pigs, Rabbits, Llamas/Alpacas.
- **Equine Emergency Evacuation of Yavapai County** Assists in Equine evacuations in event of emergency.
  - **Animal Disaster Services - ADS** A Shelter for your pets during an evacuation.
  - **Yavapai County Functional Needs Form** Yavapai County Community Health Services from to assist emergency response agencies in locating, providing warning to and if possible, evacuating persons with functional needs in case of emergency. \*\* PERSONS WITH FUNCTIONAL NEEDS may include but are not limited to persons with hearing or visually impairments, persons with developmental disabilities, persons with mobility related disabilities, persons with cognitive disabilities, persons on life support systems, persons who are frail due to age or any other persons with functional needs for their support during an emergency
  - **Yavapai County Emergency Management - Facebook** Division of Yavapai County Public Works Department focusing on hazard mitigation, infrastructure protection, and community recovery after an incident occurs.
  - **Yavapai County Sheriff's Office - Facebook** Provides latest law enforcement and emergency updates.
  - **Centers for Disease Control - Emergency Kit Check List** An emergency kit has all of the things that you and your family may need during an emergency in which you may have to stay inside for longer than usual or the electricity could go out.
  - **UA Firewise Plant Materials for 3,000 ft. and Higher Elevations** Guide to firewise landscaping
  - **Ready, Set, Go** Arizona Emergency Information Network description of ready, set, go program for evacuations.

***Be Prepared!***



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