

**Ready:**

Code Red Sign up go to <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/CA8B57E20D17> put in all your phone numbers and “favorite” their number so it will ring at night. Have a landline phone that works when the power is out (not a cordless phone), make sure cell phone is on at night and ringer on to wake you up during fire season.

Defensible Space – clear all flammable materials away from buildings – minimum of 30 feet and 100 feet if you live on a slope (fire burns uphill).

Reflective address signs posted on the road (required by law). Signs can be ordered from the Fire Safe Council ph(530)272-1122 – located: 139 E. Main Street, Grass Valley

Eliminate ladder fuel branches on trees at least 8 ft from the ground. Green waste can be hauled or burned. Get a burn permit if burning.

Use “fire wise” plants near buildings, remove all brush and highly flammable trees (pine) near your home.

Driveway clearance at least 10 feet past road shoulder each direction and 15 ft high and turn around at the end. If you don’t have this, a fire truck may not come.

Making sure powerlines and transformers do not have fuel under them, etc.

Gutters cleared or do they have a leaf guard on them?

Ember Proofing your house - household vents should have fine mesh (1/8”) to keep out embers. You can buy 1/8” aluminum screen at your hardware store.

Areas under deck cleared of flammable materials or sealed off

Form local neighborhood fire patrol – 5-6 house clusters, have a phone tree list of neighbors and a system to alert each other. Determine if neighbors are disabled and have a primary and secondary person identified to help them get out. Practice evacuating together.

Are wood piles at least 30 ft from house?

Are propane tanks clear of flammable materials, can you shut off the natural gas or propane quickly?

**Set:**

Assemble “Go Bags” determine what to bring (like: medications, Paperwork – passport, Will, social security cards, insurance policy, etc. Family photos on thumb drive, video on SD card of belongings made prior for insurance, change of clothes, money, etc.)

Have a family survival kit with water and non-perishable food, first aid, etc. for at least 72 hours.

Confirm smoke detectors work

Practice opening garage door without electricity

Having a flashlight in every bedroom with fresh batteries, that can be found in the dark.

If you have pets, what is your plan, do you have a carrier, leashes, ID tags, etc.?

Or if you have a horse, is there a trailer ready to load them, have you practiced loading your horse

All cars must have at least half a tank of fuel

**Go:**

Identify two or three different Evacuation routes as well as Shelter in Place zones (green pastures, large parking lots, golf course or lakes, etc. where you can ride out a fire in your car)

Personal family fire drill, can you go out a window? In a burning house, put hand on door to test if hot, teach to crawl under the smoke if house on fire

Meeting place - where to meet up after Evacuation

Leave garden hoses out, ladders on house, porch light on, etc. for first responders. If you have a well and generator, can a first responder or you use it to defend your house if you shelter in place?

Have a relative or friend from out of the area that you designate and your family can all call to check in with. Have a family meeting location established ahead of time (Kmart parking lot, local school, hotel, relatives house, etc.

If you choose to defend your home, do you have proper clothing (fire retardant). If you live on a private road (approximately 1,500 miles of private road in Nevada County) are the side of the road clear of brush?

Do neighbors have gates blocking secondary escape routes, will they allow a trusted neighbor a daisy chained lock and key to gate so it can be opened?

Have an annual neighborhood fire drill, pack up and evacuate together, drive your evacuation routes and go to shelter in place locations. Learn what works and what needs improvement.