









Wildfires

What Can You Do To Stay Safe

Wildfires are fast moving and can quickly become a threat to you and your property while leaving you very little time to get out of harm's way. By having an emergency action plan, and being prepared when a wildfire watch is issued in your area, you may be able to help mitigate the loss of your business and property.



Preparing Your Buildings

-  Clear all debris and vegetation from gutters, roofs, under porches and decks 10 ft. from the perimeter of the building.
-  Turn off the heat/AC and any natural gas or propane to the structures. Relocate portable LP tanks and any flammable liquids at least 30 ft. away from any structure.
-  Seal any air vents around the building with plywood or metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch prevent embers from entering.
-  Remove drapes, curtains, and other flammable materials from windows and entrances. Make sure all windows are closed
-  Wet down non-metal roofs and combustible surfaces. Leave hoses hooked up and available. Do not leave sprinklers running, it reduces water pressure.
-  Leave exterior lights on when you evacuate to help ensure your building is visible in dense smoke.

Storing Business Data

Business records, data, and information are critical pieces in being able to return to normal operations after a wildfire. Have your data stored securely off-site or in the cloud. Should evacuation become necessary, be able to disconnect your computer quickly and take it with you. Any paper files should be digitally stored or duplicates stored off site.

Quick Tip:

Keep paperwork organized neatly in plastic storage tubs for a quick evacuation.

Evacuations

If a mandatory evacuation is issued by Civil Order, please heed all warnings. Have multiple evacuation routes and multiple meeting points predetermined to get your staff and guests to safety. Equip all staff members assisting in evacuations with communication equipment. If possible, have enough supplies for all evacuees to last at least 72 hours.