

WILDFIRE READY EAGLE COUNTY

An Emergency Preparedness Guide

Wildfire is a constant reality in our beautiful mountain communities. Keeping Eagle County safe is a shared responsibility between public safety agencies and every household. Use this guide to ensure your family is prepared before smoke is on the horizon.

THE "READY, SET, GO!" FRAMEWORK

- **READY (Do It Now):** Prepare your home by creating defensible space. Build your family emergency plan and assemble your evacuation kits.
 - **SET (Be Alert):** A threat is in the area. Pack your vehicle, monitor local news, and prepare to leave at a moment's notice.
 - **GO! (Evacuate Immediately):** Danger is imminent. Do not hesitate or delay. Leave immediately to protect your life and keep roads clear for first responders.
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EVACUATION ESSENTIALS: THE 6 P's

If a "GO!" order is issued, you will not have time to think. Keep a go-bag packed and easily accessible near your door with these six categories:

1. **People and Pets:** Family members, pets, pet crates, food, leashes, and medications.
 2. **Papers and Documents:** Passports, birth certificates, insurance policies, and hard-copy phone numbers.
 3. **Prescriptions:** A 7-to-14-day supply of all critical medications, vitamins, and extra eyeglasses.
 4. **Pictures and Memorabilia:** Irreplaceable family keepsakes, photo albums, and valuables.
 5. **Personal Computers:** Hard drives, laptops, or digital disks containing vital information.
 6. **Plastic and Cash:** Credit cards, debit cards, and physical cash in case electronic systems fail.
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BLACKOUT & EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

Wildfires frequently destroy local utilities and knock out power infrastructure. Ensure your home kit contains these items to survive an extended blackout:

-  **Portable Radio:** A battery-operated or hand-crank radio to hear emergency broadcasts when cell towers go dark.
 -  **Light Sources:** Flashlights, lanterns, or headlamps with plenty of extra batteries.
 -  **Bedding:** Warm sleeping bags or thick blankets for every family member.
 -  **Food & Water:** A multi-day supply of clean drinking water and non-perishable food supplies.
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PROTECT YOUR HOME: FREE WILDFIRE ASSESSMENTS

Preparing your property gives your home a fighting chance and protects the firefighters defending it. Eagle County residents can sign up for a **free, private property wildfire assessment** through the local **REALFire Program**. A wildfire professional will walk your property and provide a customized list of voluntary recommendations to reduce your fire risk.

DIGITAL LIFELINES: STAY INFORMED

-  **Emergency Hub:** Bookmark www.ecemergency.org to sign up for **EC Alert** text warnings, request your free home assessment, and view real-time evacuation maps.
 -  **Sheriff's Office:** Visit the Eagle County Sheriff's Office website and follow our official Facebook and Instagram social media platforms for critical, localized safety updates.
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