

# BE WILDFIRE READY

Practical tips to help you prepare, stay informed and respond safely.

As wildfire season approaches during the dry summer months, it's important to be ready. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) recommends the following wildfire preparedness steps:

## BE PREPARED

- Know your fire extinguishers: where they are, how to use them and check expiration dates.
- Learn how to safely shut off gas, electricity and water.
- Prepare a “go bag” with three-day supply of nonperishable food, water, medications, batteries and a flashlight, and pet food. Include copies of important documents.
- Create a wildfire action plan with evacuation routes, meeting spots and family communication plans.

Find more tips at [fire.ca.gov/prepare](https://fire.ca.gov/prepare).

## STAY INFORMED

- AlertOC: Enroll in the county's mass notification system at [ocgov.com/about-county/emergency](https://ocgov.com/about-county/emergency). Receive time-sensitive messages at home or on your mobile phone with options for text and email notifications. AlertOC is the official source for real-time updates from OCFA and other emergency agencies.
- OC Fire Authority (OCFA): Visit [OCFA.org](https://ocfa.org) or follow OCFA on social media at [@OCFireAuthority](https://twitter.com/OCFireAuthority) for fire updates.
- Statewide fire info: Visit [fire.ca.gov/incidents](https://fire.ca.gov/incidents).

## EVERBRIDGE FROM VMS

Residents are strongly encouraged to enroll at [alertoc.org](https://alertoc.org) to receive critical alerts during fire, weather and public safety emergencies.

To supplement countywide updates, Village Management Services (VMS) uses the Everbridge notification system to share brief, community-specific alerts when needed. Everbridge messages may include urgent local instructions or reinforce guidance from county agencies.

Sign up at [lagunawoodsvillage.com](https://lagunawoodsvillage.com), click “Sign up today” under the Everbridge icon (bottom right of any page), or register via the resident portal.

## AIR QUALITY ALERTS DURING WILDFIRE INCIDENTS

Wildfires can affect air quality, especially for those with heart or lung problems.

- Stay indoors with windows closed
- Use A/C on “recirculate”
- Drink plenty of water
- Seek medical attention for serious symptoms

Check current air quality information at [aqmd.gov](https://aqmd.gov).