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Preparedness Roundup

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- **Plant accordingly.** If you live in an area prone to wildfire, consider planting fire resistant trees and shrubs instead of pine, fir and other conifers. Mow your lawn often to keep grass short, and if possible, keep it well watered. Consider using rock, vegetable gardens, and flowerbeds as a creative alternative in your landscaping.
- **Protect your home.** Keep your gutters clean, store firewood and other combustible materials at least 30 feet from your primary dwelling, use fire resistant materials when building decks and porches, and make sure your address is clearly visible from the street or main road.
- **Know your route.** Familiarize yourself with at least two different evacuation routes out of your neighborhood. Practice often, and include everyone in your household.
- **Be ready to evacuate.** If wildfires are reported in your area, be sure to listen to your local radio or television stations for updated emergency information. Back your vehicle into your driveway and gather your pets in a central location so that everyone can quickly evacuate if given notice.



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Wildfire App Features

- **Helpful reminders.** Step-by-step instructions will guide you through protective actions before, during, and after wildfires, even if you lack data connectivity. Audible alerts will let you know when a fire is raging in your area.
- **Stay connected.** Get quick and easy access to wildfire news for your state and local area. One click connect for your state’s 511 network for the latest traffic information in case of an evacuation.
- **Help when you need it.** Find open Red Cross shelters in your area when you need them the most.
- **Prepare for the worst.** Easy to use features will show you how to prepare your home and property for wildfire season. Fun and informative quizzes will help to keep you on top of your preparedness game.



Next Week’s Roundup: Tornado Safety Tips & Preparedness Activities



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