

# Wildland Fires

Get Prepared and Stay Safe

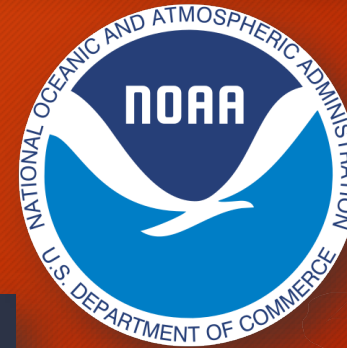
Citizen Advisory Board Presentation



# *Wildfires Happen!* What Do *We* Do About it?



- Education
  - Understand the basics of fire behavior and fire weather
- Get Ready
  - Prepare your home to survive a fire
  - Become a Fire Adapted Community
- Get Set
  - Prepare for the eventuality of a fire
  - What will you do when it happens?
- Go!
  - Have a plan to evacuate safely in the event of a fire



# The ***Biggest*** Drivers of ***Wildland Fire***



## Fire Weather Factors

- Increased Temperatures / Low Relative Humidities
- Dry Lightning
- High Winds

## Local Factors

- Downslope Winds in the afternoon
- Extreme “Red Flag” conditions in the Summer
- High wind events in the fall

When should I  
***Start Paying Attention?***



# Make Your *Home Fire Safe!*



• Improve the fire-resistant qualities of you home by making changes to your:

- Roof
- Eaves
- Rain Gutters
- Vents
- Siding
- Decks
- Fences
- Garages

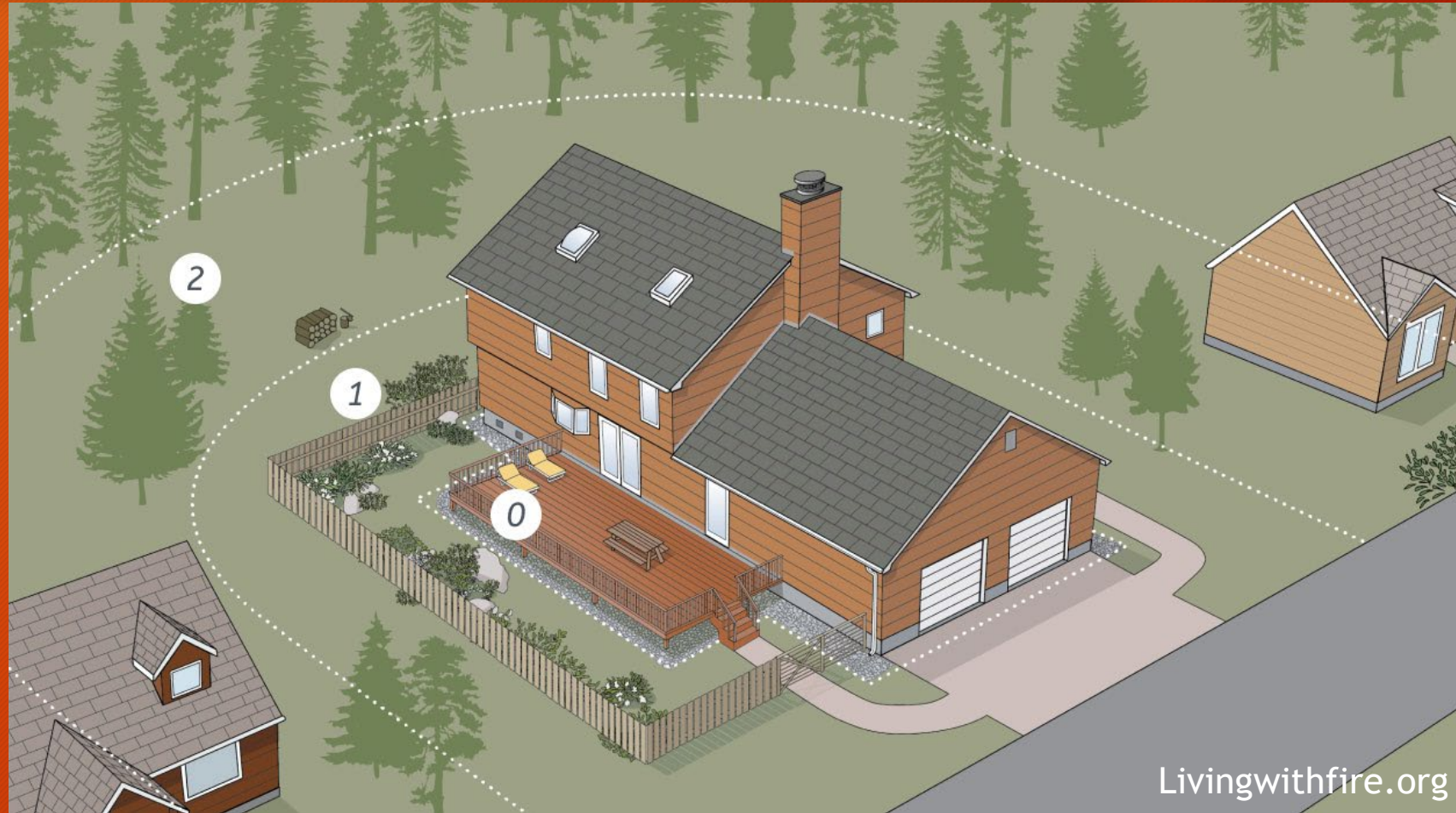


# DEFENSIBLE SPACE

What is it? Why it Matters?



- Ember-Resistant Zone
  - 0-5 feet
- Lean, Clean, Green Zone
  - 5-30 feet
- Reduced Fuel Zone
  - 30-100+ feet



# Get *SET!*



Create an *Action Plan* for your Household!

Checklist Can Include:

- Evacuation plan
  - People and Pets!
  - Inside and Outside Checklists
- Meeting locations
- Communications plans

Sign up for **Washoe County Code Red**

[www.washoecounty.gov/em/RegionalAlerts.php](http://www.washoecounty.gov/em/RegionalAlerts.php)



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Become Familiar with *Perimeter*



**PERIMETER**

<https://perimetermap.com/>

Stay up to date on *Fire Weather Conditions* and *Local Fire Activity*

<https://www.weather.gov/wrh/fire?wfo=rev>

# Get *SET!*



## Create an *Emergency Supplies Kit* for a *GO BAG!*

- ✓ 3-day food/water supply (1 gallon/person/day, non-perishable foods)
- ✓ First Aid Kit and sanitation supplies (toilet paper, baby wipes, etc.)
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ Battery-powered Radio
- ✓ Extra batteries
- ✓ Extra set of Car Keys, credit cards, cash
- ✓ Extra eyeglasses, contact lenses, prescriptions, medications
- ✓ Important household documents (Social Security Cards, Birth Certs, Insurance cards, etc.)
- ✓ Paper Map paper with evacuation routes
- ✓ Easily Carried Irreplaceable Items
- ✓ Cell Phones and chargers
- ✓ Keep a pair of shoes and flashlight ready at night in case of night evacuation



# Wildfire Starts...GO!



Follow your **Action Plan**, Consult your **Checklists**, and **Leave Early!**

## Inside Checklist

- Close all windows and doors
- Open inside fabric blinds/curtains
- Leave some lights on
- Grab your Go Bag**

## Outside Checklist (If time allows)

- Make sure combustibles are away from the house
- Don't leave sprinklers on or water running
- Close your garage door when you leave (Without power?)



Wildland Fire Order Number 6... Be **Alert**, Keep **Calm**, Think **Clearly**, Act **Decisively!**



# *Wildfire Starts...What not to do!*



***DON'T*** - Do things that may lead to another fire!

***DON'T*** - Go into a fire area to “See what’s happening...”

***DON'T*** - Fly a drone anywhere near a wildland fire!



# Evacuations



- *Leave Early - Don't wait!*
- Follow the directions of the *Emergency Management*
- *Watch out* for First Responders on roadways
- Find your *Evacuation Shelter* and *Relief Services*
- If you become trapped or require additional help, **CALL 911!**

## *Post Fire*

- *Stay away until directed to return!*



# TMFPD Resources



## Greenwaste Days

- Every Spring and Fall

## Curbside Chipping

- Limited to the elderly and disabled

## Open Burning

- During the months of December and March

## Firewise USA



*Thank you!*



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