

# PREPARE FOR WILDFIRE

## Five things every Nevadan should do

Every year wildfires threaten homes and communities. While we cannot prevent all wildfires from happening, we can reduce the threat of wildfire and prepare for it. Below are five ways you can prepare.

### 1 Reference the Wildfire Evacuation Checklist and learn how to:

1. Create a go-bag
2. Prepare your family members
3. Ready your vehicle
4. Prepare inside and outside the home
5. Prepare your pets, horses, and livestock
6. Know what to wear

Scan the QR Code below for the full online list.

### Register for emergency notifications in your county

Register through your county's local emergency notification system to receive calls, texts and/or emails about wildfires and other emergencies. Registering increases the likelihood that residents will receive these urgent notifications. Scan the QR code below to find your county's emergency notification system\*.

*\*Note, not all counties have local emergency notification systems. If there is no local emergency notification service, please refer to your county's emergency manager.*

### 3 "Harden your home" from wildfire

Make your home more ignition resistant by retrofitting existing components of your home to withstand wildfire. One tip is to cover your home's attic and crawlspace vents with 1/8-inch noncombustible corrosion-resistant metal mesh screening to reduce the chance that embers will enter your home and ignite it from within.

### Prepare for wildfire smoke

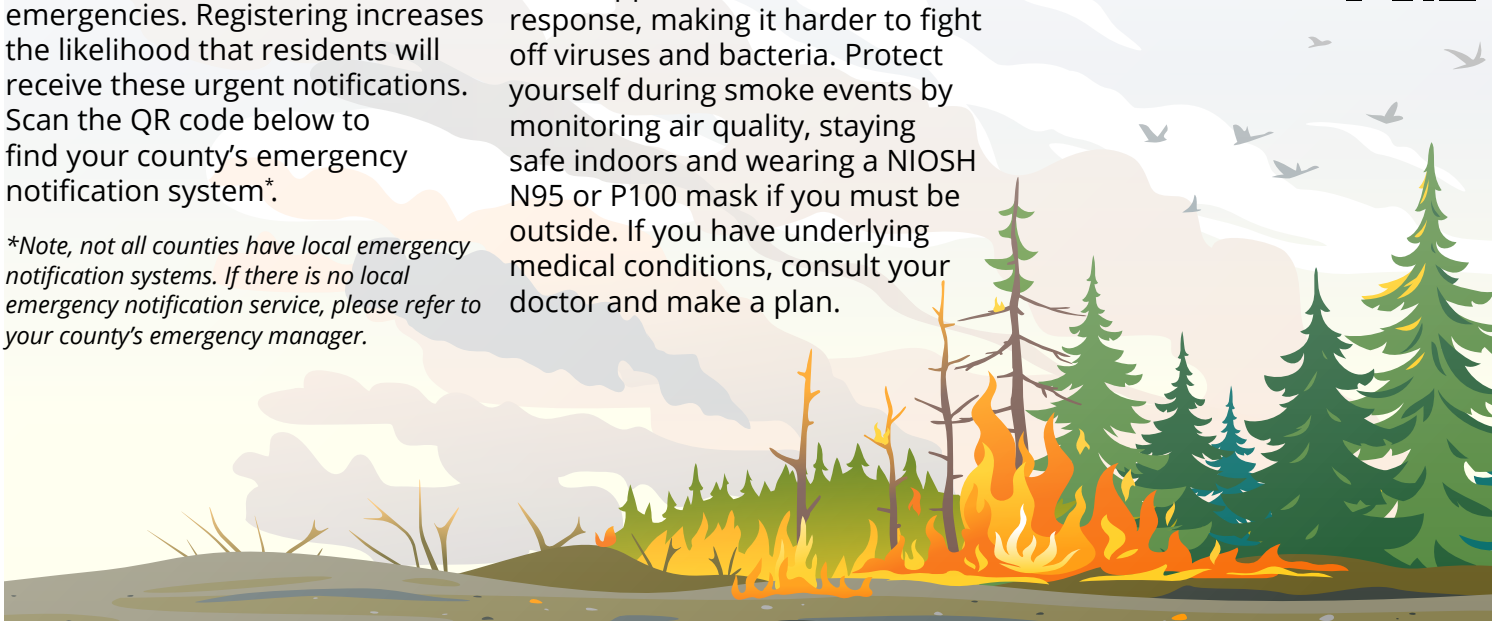
Fine particulate matter in smoke can irritate your eyes and lungs, cause bronchitis, worsen chronic lung or heart conditions and even suppress one's immune response, making it harder to fight off viruses and bacteria. Protect yourself during smoke events by monitoring air quality, staying safe indoors and wearing a NIOSH N95 or P100 mask if you must be outside. If you have underlying medical conditions, consult your doctor and make a plan.

### 5 Create defensible space

Reduce the wildfire threat by creating defensible space and managing the vegetation in three key zones around your property.

1. Keep the area 5 feet from your home free of combustible material and highly flammable vegetation.
2. Keep vegetation 5-30 feet from the home, lean, clean and green.
3. In the area 30-100+ feet from the home, reduce fire spread by separating plants and restrict fire movement into tree canopies by removing lower branches.

Scan here to learn more about each step:



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