

FIRE WEATHER

KNOW WHAT TO DO



Prevent Fires | Get Alerts | Be Ready

The devastating fires throughout Los Angeles County that were magnified by the “Particularly Dangerous Red Flag Situation” are a grave reminder that we must do more to mitigate against and be ready for a major wildfire in our area. Read below to learn what you can do to help prevent and prepare for wildfire.

PREVENT FIRES

1. **Create defensible space** around your home by regularly cleaning your roof, gutters, decks, the base of walls, windows and doors within 5 feet of your home to avoid the accumulation of fallen leaves, needles and other flammable materials. Remove all dead or dying grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, leaves, weeds, and pine needles within 30 ft of structures or to the property line.
2. **Avoid activities that could generate sparks**, such as smoking or using power tools or machinery, and postpone outdoor burning during high-risk periods (check aqmd.gov/advisory to learn when a mandatory no burn day alert is issued).
3. **If you see something, say something**. Report smoke or signs of a fire immediately to authorities, it can help prevent the spread of fire. If are in a building that is on fire, pull the fire alarm and warn as many people as you can on your way out.
4. **Build and retrofit your home with fire resistant material**. In depth info and tips are available from United Policyholders Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection (“WRAP”) Resource Center : <https://uphelp.org/preparedness/wrap-resource-center/>

GET THE ALERTS



Alert South Bay is an opt-in emergency alert system that will inform you if there is a local emergency affecting your area that requires you to take actions to stay safe (ex. Evacuate, Shelter in Place). Sign up at alertsouthbay.com, text “alertssb” to 888-777, or download the free Everbridge app from your preferred app store (Google Play, Apple Store, etc.).

Know which zone you are in and if it is affected to help you respond quickly if an emergency threatens your life. Visit www.pvready.gov and type in your address on the map to learn the zone of your home, work, and other frequented locations and to see the most up to date information about emergencies in your zone. Visit the EPC booth at our next event to get a free “Know Your Zone” fridge magnet!



Download the MyRPV app for the most up to date information about all local emergencies and resources in the City of RPV, or visit: <https://www.rpvca.gov/1401/MyRPV>

You may have heard about the **Watch Duty app**. For more detailed information about a specific fire, this app provides a good one stop shop of local fires and their current status. Learn more: <https://www.watchduty.org/>



BE READY



To Evacuate

If you had to leave right now, where would you go and how would you get there?

Determine multiple locations you can go to and think of multiple routes you can use to get there. Make sure your plans include everyone in your household, including animals and that you have the supplies needed to help you evacuate.

Emergency Supplies for Evacuation

- Food and water
- Important medical supplies and equipment
- Changes of clothes, including sturdy shoes
- Flashlights with batteries
- Important documents (or copies of), including ID, insurance, and proof of residence.
- Cash
- Entertainment that does not require electricity or data
- Chargers and cables for important devices
- Anything very important to you, such as sentimental and irreplaceable items
- Keep your vehicle fueled/charged to at least half capacity
- Hard copy of a map with multiple evacuation routes highlighted

For Power Outages

- Charge essential devices (phones, laptops, medical equipment, power banks).
- Stock up on batteries, flashlights, and non-perishable food.
- For medical needs requiring electricity, have a backup plan ready. The ADA provides a checklist that can help with planning [here](#).
- Visit <https://www.sce.com/outage-center/check-outage-status> for outage information or to report downed power lines.
- If power goes out, avoid opening refrigerators or freezers to preserve food.



To Support One Another



★ Sign up for a local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to get trained on how to help your community during an emergency. Learn more: <http://www.pvpcert.org/>

★ Get trained and/or volunteer with the American Red Cross to support emergency response: <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/disaster-training>

★ Support the Survivors of the fires in Los Angeles: <https://lafd.org/news/wildfire-donations-your-generosity-inspiring>

The **Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC)** encourages all residents to explore additional methods for emergency notifications that may be best for their individual needs. For additional information and resources, please contact the EPC at EPC@rpvca.gov or (310) 544-5209.