

Wildfire Season – Things to do to be Prepared

- Complete the annual tasks associated with defensible space ([link](#)).
- Put together a [72-hour TO GO BAG](#)
- Maintain an inventory list documenting valuable items that you own. You'll need this should you make an insurance claim. The list, along with photographs, receipts and other documentation should be stored in a safe place, away from your property. You should also have copies of important documents (e.g., marriage license, mortgage, property/auto ownership documents, wills, driver's licenses, insurance policies) stored away from your property.
- Make a list of things that you would want to take with you should an evacuation be necessary.
- Make a list of emergency phone numbers, including numbers for your insurance agent, bank, etc.
- Know where your gas, electric and water main shut-off controls are and how to use them.
- Create a family emergency plan, including a meeting place should an evacuation become necessary. Establish a contact point to communicate with concerned relatives.
- Talk to your neighbors about wildfire safety and how the neighborhood could work together before and during a wildfire. This could include help with pets, children and/or disabled family members if the homeowner isn't at home when an evacuation is ordered.
- Review your homeowner's insurance policy to be sure you are adequately covered. United Policyholders is a non-profit organization that has produced a 50-minute video: [Tips from the Trenches: Does Your Safety Net have Holes?](#) It has detailed information about how to read your homeowners' policy and determine whether you are adequately insured. In past wildfires in Colorado, up to 50% of homeowners found that they were underinsured.