



American Red Cross

WILDFIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

FINDING SHELTERS

If you need the location of a shelter or other help, you should follow your local media or go to redcross.org and check the shelter map.

- People can also find a shelter by downloading the free Red Cross Emergency App. The Emergency App also puts wildfire safety tips at your fingertips. The app is available in app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps.
- Anyone who plans to stay in a Red Cross shelter should bring prescription medications, extra clothing, pillows, blankets, hygiene supplies, other comfort items and important documents. Don't forget to bring any special items for children, such as diapers, formula and toys, or for family members who have unique needs.

STAY CONNECTED WITH LOVED ONES

Visit the Red Cross Safe and Well website at <http://www.redcross.org/safeandwell> to reconnect with loved ones.

The site allows individuals and organizations to register and post messages to indicate that they are safe, or to search for loved ones. The site is always available, open to the public and available in Spanish.

- Registrations and searches can be done directly on the website. Registrations can also be completed by texting SAFE to 78876.
- You can also use the "I'm Safe" feature of the Red Cross Emergency App to let loved ones know your status.

WILDFIRE SAFETY STEPS

The Red Cross urges everyone to follow evacuation orders from local law enforcement and have an emergency kit ready to go.

- Listen to your local media for updates on the fire and be ready to leave quickly. Back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing your direction of escape.
- Keep your pets in one room so you can find them quickly if you have to evacuate.
- Arrange for a temporary place to stay outside the threatened area.
- Keep your indoor air clean – close windows and doors to prevent the smoke outside from getting in your home.
- Use the recycle mode on the air conditioner in your home or car. If you don't have air conditioning and it's too hot to be inside, seek shelter somewhere else.
- If smoke levels are high, don't use anything that burns and adds to air pollution inside such as candles, fireplaces and gas stoves.

Don't go home until fire officials say it is safe. Be cautious entering a burned area – hazards could still exist.

- Avoid damaged or downed power lines, poles and wires.
- Keep your animals under your direct control. Hidden embers and hot spots could burn them.
- Wet down debris to minimize breathing dust particles.
- Wear leather gloves and shoes with heavy soles.
- Throw out any food that has been exposed to heat, smoke or soot.
- Recheck for smoke or sparks throughout your home for several hours after the fire, including in your attic. Wildfire winds can blow burning embers anywhere so check for embers that could cause a fire.