

The National Ready, Set, Go! Program – For the Resident



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The Ready, Set, Go! Program seeks to share information with residents on what you can do to successfully prepare for a wildland fire. Speak with your local fire department about your area's threat for wildland fire and learn more about the wildland urban interface (WUI). Fire season is an increasing threat and a year-round reality in many areas. Do your part to be prepared. The RSG! Program gives you **simple, easy to follow tips**.

- **Ready – Be ready.** Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of a wildland fire so your home is ready in case of a fire. Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home. Use fire-resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire-safe construction measures. Create your Personal Wildland Fire Action Plan:
 - Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe place.
 - Plan escape routes and make sure all those residing in the home know the plan of action and practice it regularly.
- **Set – Situational awareness.** Pack your emergency items. Know how to receive and stay aware of the latest news and information on the fire from local media, your local fire department and public safety.
- **Go – Act early!** Follow your Personal Wildland Fire Action Plan. Doing so will not only support your safety, but will allow firefighters to best maneuver resources to combat the fire.

Additional tips can be found on the back side of this flyer, on www.wildlandfireRSG.org, www.iafc.org/FAC, and www.firewise.org.

Fire Adapted Communities

(FAC) articulates the collaborative community-wide effort message, where all parties, citizens and government, are involved in successfully adapting to their wildland fire challenge. The fire service, local decision makers, the public, and land managers each have an important role to play.

The RSG! Program is a national tool for this cohesive effort. Do your part to protect your property, your community, and those who risk their lives for you. Learn what you can do to prepare for a wildland fire and go to www.iafc.org/FAC or contact your local fire department.



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Be Informed - Communicate with your local fire department and familiarize yourself with the following topics:

- **The Wildland Urban Interface** – Refers to the zone of transition between unoccupied land and human development. Lands and communities adjacent to and surrounded by wildlands are at risk of wildfires.
- **Defensible Space** – Prepare your property by creating a home ignition zone, focusing with your home and work outward.
- **Ember Zone** – Embers can destroy homes or neighborhoods far from the actual flame front.
- **Hardening your Home** – Measures you can take to safeguard your home from wildland fire. Construction materials and the quality of defensible space surrounding it are what give a home the best chance to survive a wildland fire.



Next Steps - After you have protected your home, it's time to prepare your family. Use the **Ready, Set, Go! Personal Wildland Fire Action Guide** and prepare with all members of your household well in advance of a fire. To obtain a copy of the guide, please contact your local fire service or visit www.wildlandfireRSG.org- "**Resident**" tab. Use the checklists to help you gain a situational awareness of the threat and to prepare your family disaster plan.

- **Ready – Preparing for the Fire Threat**
- **Set – Situation Awareness When a Fire Starts**
- **Go! – Act Early**
- **Create your family disaster plan.** Practice it with your family and keep it accessible so all family members can see it.

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Visit www.iafc.org/FAC to watch a PSA with tips you can do today to improve your home and families safety from wildland fire.

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