

# Wildfire Risk, Preparedness & Mitigation

## DENVER FIRE DEPARTMENT





*“Although many would not view the occurrence of a wildland fire within the City and County of Denver as a significant threat, with today’s changing climate the potential is always there. Whether it be human caused or naturally occurring, taking individual, family, business, and community preparedness steps can reduce the impacts in the event of an unexpected occurrence.”*

*Desmond Fulton, Chief of the Denver Fire Department*

# The Basics of Wildfires

- There are 3 ingredients needed to sustain fire. Take away any one side and the fire cannot burn.
- 9 out 10 fires are human caused
- Wildland fires can occur anywhere there is grass, brush, trees or other fuel.
- Weather factors play a critical role.



# Marshall Fire







# Denver Fire Departments Wildfire Mitigation Preparedness and Response

- Denver Firefighters are continually pre-planning the neighborhoods they work in, developing a plan for all types of emergencies – including urban wildfires.
- DFD has Wildland fire engines pre-positioned throughout the City to respond on an outside/brush or grass fire if needed.
- There are approximately 200 Wildland firefighters on DFD with the skills and preparedness to fight an urban wildland fire.

# Personal & Family Preparedness



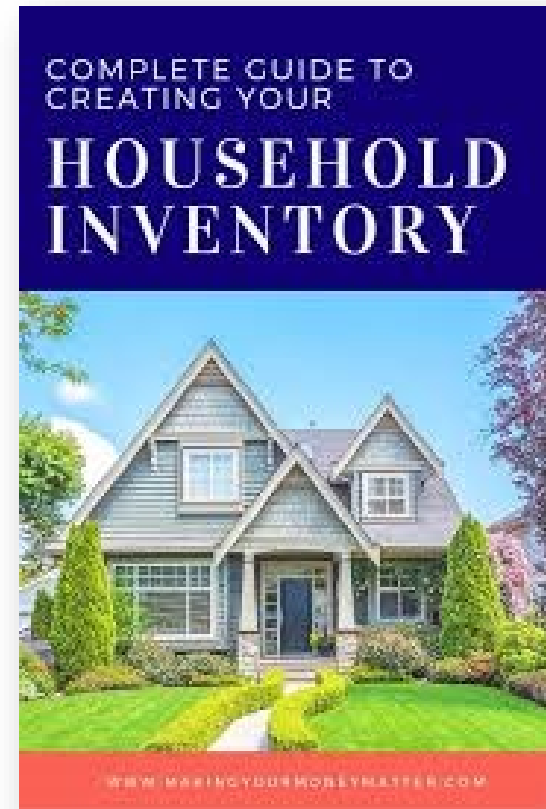
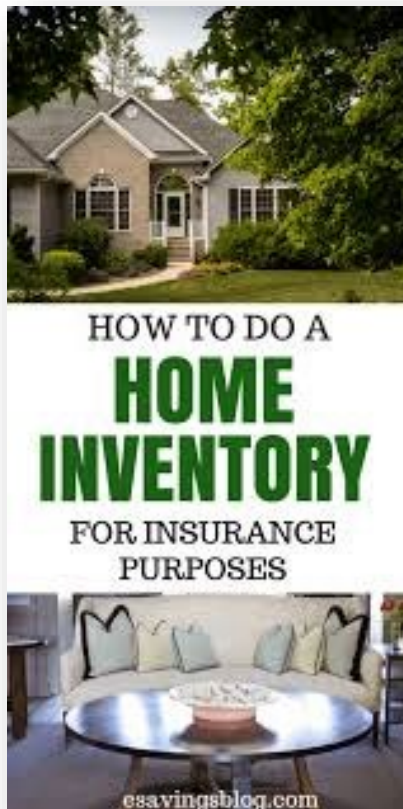


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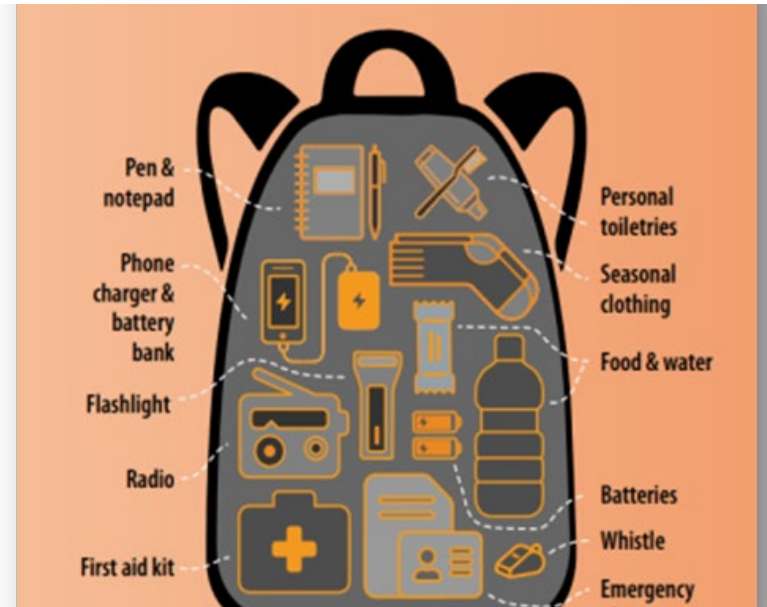
# Home Inventory



# Create a Family Emergency Communications Plan



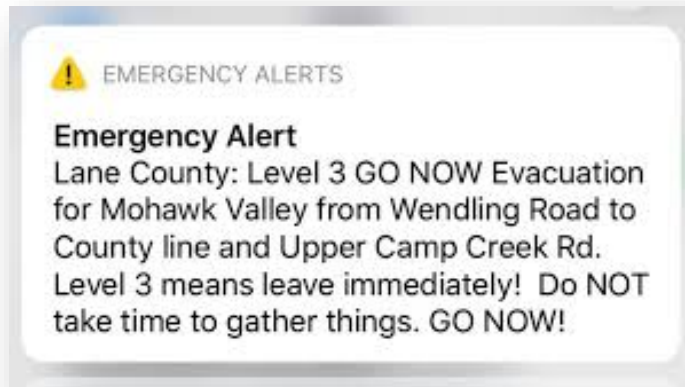
# Individual Family Member “Go-Bag”



# Emergency Alert Notifications

Visit the Denver Office of Emergency Management

*Sign-up to receive alerts via voice mail, text message,  
or e-mail at multiple locations*





# Home & Property Preparedness Steps for Wildfire



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# Community & Neighborhood Preparedness



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## Pre-Fire Planning to Help Communities Become More Fire Adapted

### Protecting businesses, public buildings, residents and firefighters from wildfire loss.

Planning before a wildfire occurs ensures that jurisdictions can be more resilient. Hard work by all stakeholders can help a community before, during and after a wildfire.

Each community has its own risks. Use the downloadable Community Wildfire Protection Plan template ([https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/creating\\_a\\_cwpp.pdf](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/creating_a_cwpp.pdf)) to identify and mitigate these hazards and help communities become more fire adapted.



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For more information, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).

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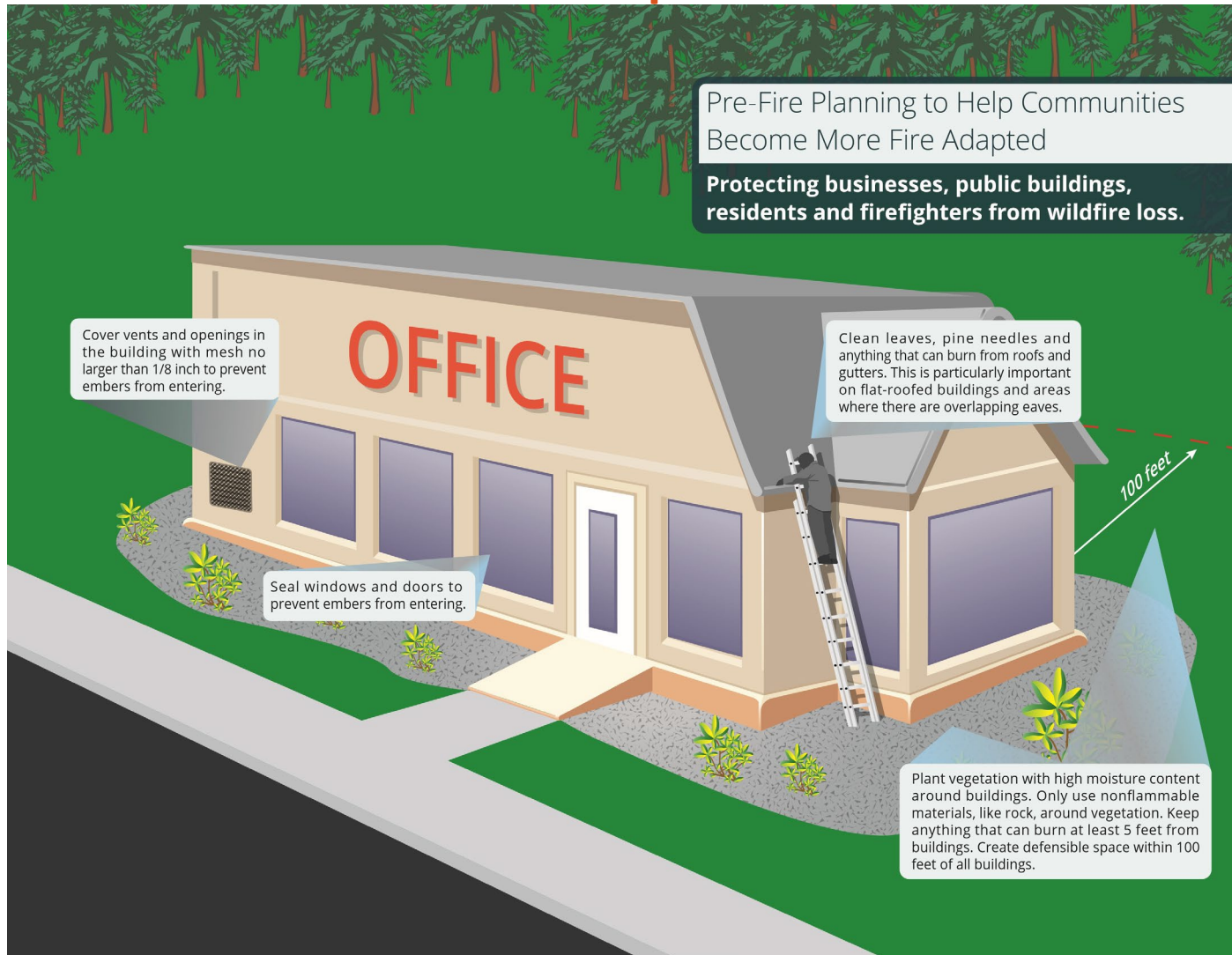


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# Business Preparedness

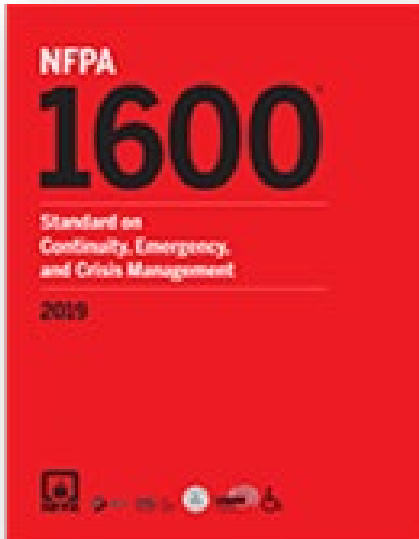


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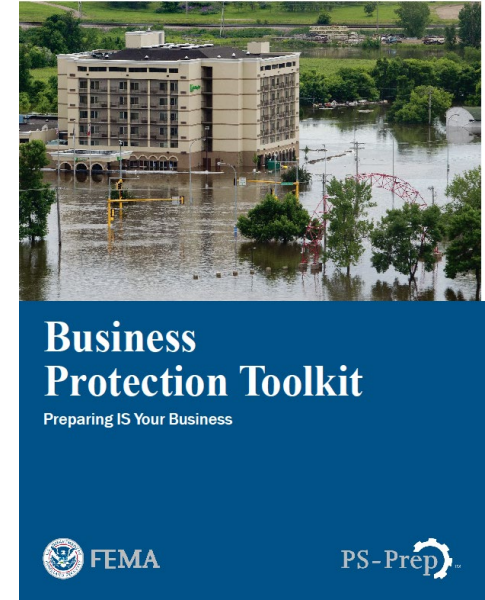
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# Neighborhood Business Emergency Planning Resources



  
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**Small Business Administration:**

<https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/WildfirePreparednessSBA.pdf>

**American Red Cross:**

<https://www.projectwildfire.org/businessstips/>

# How do we mitigate and reduce potential wildfire hazards?

## As a NEIGHBORHOOD!

Collectively identify areas of concern and communicate.

- **Ownership Responsibilities** – Community Planning and Development
- **Roads and Rights-of-Way** – Denver Public Works
- **City Parks and Open Space** – Denver Parks and Recreation
- **Trees and Natural Areas** – Office of the City Forester and City Naturalist
- **Evacuation Routes and Planning** – Denver Police Department
- **Alerts and Warnings** – Denver Office of Emergency Management
- **Fire Response and Capabilities** - Denver Fire Department
- **Trees Touching or Hanging over Powerlines** – Xcel Energy

# Community Wildfire Preparedness Resources



**DenverREADY** approach allows residents, neighborhoods, local officials, businesses, non-profits, faith-based organizations, and emergency management officials to collectively understand and assess the needs of their respective communities, determine the best ways to organize their resources, and prepare for emergency events. Denver has embraced the “Whole Community Preparedness Programs” concept and invites our community partners to help build a stronger, more resilient community.

Ready, Set, Go!

## Your Personal Wildfire Action Plan





# Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Resources

## Wildfires

- [Prepare for Wildfires](#)
  - [Stay Safe During](#)
  - [After a Wildfire](#)
  - [Additional Resources](#)
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- <https://www.ready.gov/wildfires>
  - <https://www.nfpa.org/News-and-Research/Data-research-and-tools/Wildland-Urban-Interface>
  - <https://csfs.colostate.edu/csfspublications/#1554911218200-07f5f9e5-0554>
  - <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/wui/>

# Questions and Discussion

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