



City of Santa Fe Urges Residents to Take Fire Precautions

Dangerous Conditions Forecast for Upcoming Days

SANTA FE, May 6, 2022 — The Santa Fe Fire Department reports that there is no immediate threat of fire to the City of Santa Fe. Conditions can change rapidly and the forecast is for “historic conditions” of dry heat and high winds over the next several days, beginning tomorrow.

The City of Santa Fe urges residents to take measures to protect against potential fires, and to prepare for evacuation in case that becomes necessary.

PROTECT YOUR HOME: [Follow this link](#) to find 7 ways to reduce the risk that your home and property will become fuel for a fire.

STAY INFORMED: Alert Santa Fe is the official emergency alert and notification system for the City and County of Santa Fe. This system is used to send alerts to the public and internally to city or county employees during emergencies. [Sign up for Alerts here.](#)

TRACK THE WEATHER: Check the current weather conditions at [weather.gov/abq](https://www.weather.gov/abq).

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: Learn about fire restrictions and current fires at [nmfireinfo.com](https://www.nmfireinfo.com).

Protect Your Home
7 Ways Residents Can Reduce the Risk that their Homes & Property Will Become Fuel for a Wildfire

- #1 Clear**
Clear off pine needles, dead leaves & anything that can burn from your rooflines, gutters, decks, porches, patios & along fence lines. Falling embers will have nothing to burn.
- #2 Store Away**
Store away furniture cushions, rattan mats, potted plants & other decorations from decks, porches & patios. These items catch embers and help ignite your home if you leave them outside.
- #3 Screen & Seal**
Wind-borne embers can get into homes easily through vents & other openings and burn the home from the inside out. Walk around your house to see what openings you can screen or temporarily seal up.
- #4 Rake**
Embers landing in mulch that touches your house, deck or fence is a big fire hazard. Rake out any landscaping mulch to at least five feet away.
- #5 Trim**
Trim back any shrubs or tree branches that come closer than 5 feet to the house and attachments, and any overhanging branches.
- #6 Remove**
Walk around your house and remove anything within 30 feet that could burn, such as woodpiles, spare lumber, vehicles and boats - anything that can act as a large fuel source.
- #7 Close**
If ordered to evacuate, make sure all windows & doors are closed tightly, and seal up any pet doors. Many homes are destroyed by embers entering these openings and burning the house from the inside out.

NFPA NFPA has many more tips and safety recommendations on its website, including www.firewise.org.

TRACK THREATENING FIRES: The NM Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has put up a [2022 Wildfires website](#) that posts updates of current conditions and threats and news.

PLAN FOR POSSIBLE EVACUATION: Find thorough instructions for creating a [Family Disaster Plan](#).

PACK A GO-KIT, and don't forget the 6 P's:

1. People and pets;
2. Papers, phone numbers, and important documents;
3. Prescriptions, vitamins, and eyeglasses;
4. Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia;
5. Personal computer hard drive and disks;
6. "Plastic" (credit cards, ATM cards) and cash.

FOR NOW, AVOID THE SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST.

ON WINDY DAYS, DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT COULD CAUSE A FIRE BY SETTING OFF SPARKS: Don't use charcoal grills, fire pits, welding tools, or lawnmowers.

CHECK YOUR VEHICLES: Be sure that chains on RV's/trailers aren't hanging, they spark on roads. If your vehicle is sparking for any reason, don't drive it. Don't park over tall grass, a hot car could set off a fire.