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Wildfire Preparedness is Year-Round:
Wildfire season is here. Pack a go bag and keep it near!

Santa Fe, NM – With the 2022 wildfire season off to an early start in New Mexico, it is vital to have an emergency kit and an evacuation plan in place for you and your family. The 2022 Wildfire Preparedness is Year-Round campaign provides monthly wildfire preparedness tasks that follow the changing seasons. The May message from the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) [Forestry Division](#) and our partners, agencies and non-governmental organizations is: **“Wildfire season is here. Pack a go-bag and keep it near!”**

Whether you live in the wildland-urban interface or in a rural area in the mountains, communication is key during wildfire season. Be sure to register with your local government’s emergency management office for text or email notifications and connect with your county or city’s social media. The [Ready, Set, Go! New Mexico](#) program provides tips and tools to prepare for a wildfire emergency and create a personal action plan.

Ready – Get Ready

- Create a family disaster plan that includes meeting locations and communication plans and rehearse it regularly. Include the evacuation of large animals, such as horses, in your plan.
- Put together an emergency supply kit or go-bag. The NM Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management’s [Preparedness Guide](#) is a good resource for items to include. Keep an extra kit in your vehicle. Don’t forget important family documents like birth certificates, wills, deeds and insurance policies.

Set – Be Prepared to Go

- Monitor fire weather conditions and fire status. See inciweb.nwcg.gov and nmfireinfo.com. Stay tuned to local TV and radio stations for updates and check official information sources on the internet.

- Have an evacuation plan for your family and pets in place, and make sure all family members have a copy of evacuation and contact information.
- Load your supplies and go-bags in your vehicle.

Go – Act Early, Evacuate

- Do not wait to be advised to leave if there is a possible threat to your home or evacuation route. Leave early enough to avoid being caught in fire, smoke or road congestion. If you are advised to leave by local authorities, do not hesitate. If you don't follow the Go order, understand that emergency services may not be able to assist you.
- Head to a predetermined location in a low-risk area, such as a relative's house, Red Cross shelter or evacuation center, motel or school. Identify several routes in case your first choice is closed due to the fire.

Other helpful resources include the [Ready, Set, Go! Program \(video\)](#), [Living with Fire: A Guide for the Homeowner, New Mexico](#), [Firewise USA®](#), and [Fire Adapted New Mexico learning network \(FACNM\)](#).

The [New Mexico Forestry Division](#) is working with the [Carson](#), [Cibola](#), and [Santa Fe National Forests](#), [Forest Stewards Guild](#), [Fire Adapted NM](#), [New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts](#), [National Park Service](#), [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#), and [Bureau of Land Management New Mexico](#) to continue our wildfire preparedness calendar in 2022, and share the message across multiple platforms. This includes social media, webinars, and community events. Bookmark the [wildfire preparedness webpage](#) to follow the campaign throughout the year.

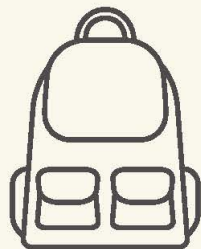


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