

WILDFIRES

- If there is threat of a wildfire, warnings will be issued. Listen to your local radio or TV news program for the latest information.
- Evacuate immediately, if you are told to do so. Take your disaster supplies kit with you and begin to implement the disaster preparedness plan you have already developed.
- Back your car into the garage or park in an open space, facing the direction of the escape route. Shut the car doors and roll up the windows.
- If possible, confine your pets to one room so they'll be easier to find in case you have to evacuate.
- Secure the inside of your home. Close windows, vents, doors, blinds and drapes. Open fireplace dampers and close screens.
- Move flammable furniture away from windows to the center of the room.
- Turn a light on in each room to increase the visibility of your home in heavy smoke.
- Secure the outside of the house: seal attic and ground vents with plywood; turn off propane tanks; put patio furniture inside; connect garden hoses to taps; set up a portable generator; water the shrubs close to the house.

Tips for new home construction

- Build your home away from ridge tops, canyons and areas between high points of a ridge.
- Build your home at least 30 feet from your property line.
- Use fire-resistant building materials.
- Enclose the underside of balconies and above-ground decks with fire-resistant materials.
- Limit the size and number of windows that face large areas of vegetation.
- Install dual- or triple-paned windows.