

### FOUR FACETS OF WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Wildfire preparedness is a year-round endeavor. Living in an ecosystem that evolved with fire means we must all adapt to its risks and impacts, from threats to life and property to smoke and power outages. We need to design and maintain our homes in ways that makes them less likely to ignite. Preparedness also means taking precautions to not start unplanned wildfires and being ready to evacuate when a wildfire does come close to home.

#### REDUCING WILDFIRE RISK AT HOME



Wildfire Mitigation includes:

- Home Hardening
- Defensible Space
- Fire Resistant Landscaping
  Read more in February, March,
  and April

#### WILDFIRE PREVENTION



- Practice safe recreation
- Pay attention to Red Flag Warnings
- Support and participate in community-scale fuel reduction efforts

Read more in May, June, and November

#### **EVACUATION READINESS**



- Prepare your family for evacuation
- Install a reflective address sign to help responders find your residence
- When a fire is nearby, evacuate early

Read more in July and December

#### LIVING WITH FIRE



- Stay healthy around wildfire smoke
- Be ready for power outages
- Help spot fires as an Oregon
   Peak Lookout volunteer
- Become a volunteer firefighter

Read more in August, September, and October

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## JANUARY 2023

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# Stucco Siding Non-Flammable Groundcover

IMAGE BY JANNIKE ALLEN

### Sign up for a free on-site Wildfire Mitigation Review

Trained volunteers will provide recommendations for actions to improve the survivability of your home in case of wildfire.



Check yubafiresafe.org for information on home hardening assistance programs.

### HOME HARDENING

HOME HARDENING addresses the most vulnerable components of your house with building materials and installation techniques that increase resistance to heat, flames, and flying embers.

#### RELATIVE COST AND PRIORITY LEVEL OF HOME HARDENING FEATURES FOR FIRE-RESISTANCE



**Relative cost:** Indicates the relative cost of upgrading the listed features to ember-resistant materials and design.

**Priority level:** Indicates the features most vulnerable to wildfires and embers. Keep in mind each situation is unique and may change your priority level.



IMAGE BY JANNIKE ALLEN

#### LOW COST, HIGH BENEFIT:



#### **Cover gutters:**

Install noncombustible leaf guards over gutters to prevent the accumulation of combustible debris.



**Cover vents:** Install metal mesh screens with a maximum opening of 1/8 inch over vents to keep most embers out.

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### **DEFENSIBLE SPACE**



DEFENSIBLE SPACE is the buffer you create through the careful selection, location and maintenance of vegetation and other combustible materials (fuels) around a residence.

The priority is to **start at the house and work outward** giving the greatest effort to eliminating combustible vegetation and other materials within five feet of the house and any attached decks.

Zone 1: Space vegetation so that fire doesn't

have a continuous fuel path to the home.

#### Why Defensible Space?

- **1. Minimize the**pathways wildfire can burn
  directly to the home
- **2. Reduce radiant heat exposures** to the home and structures
- **3.** Reduce the potential for **embers to ignite vegetation** adjacent to the home
- **4.** Provide a **safe place for fire personnel** to defend the home and allow for safe routes for evacuation.



**Zone 2:** Reduce vegetation out to 100 ft and along your driveway

Check yubafiresafe.org for information on defensible space assistance programs.



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### FIRE RESISTANT LANDSCAPING - RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE

Home landscaping in the fire-prone foothills of Yuba County requires a combination of skill and knowledge, as well as a bit of artistry. *Any* plant can be flammable—it's a matter of "right plant, right place."

#### Where to plant:

Minimize the movement of fire from vegetation to the home by avoiding plants in the following locations:

- Adjacent to the siding
- Under vents or eaves
- Overhanging tree limbs near the roof/chimney
- Under or near decks
- Under or near windows

#### **Key considerations of fire-resistant landscaping:**

- Specific plant characteristics
- Plant interactions with nearby structures and plants.
- The landowner's ability to maintain the vegetation water well and keep it pruned.
- All plants can burn in the wrong conditions, so plan landscaping with defensible space in mind.

#### Fire resistant plant characteristics:

- High moisture content in leaves
- Slow accumulation of dead vegetation
- Open branching patterns
- Slow growing
- Non-resinous features





Vegetation maintenance is key to fire resistant landscaping.

#### **Fire Resistant and Fire-Prone Plants**

#### **Fire-Resistant Plants:**

- Aloe
- Agave
- Iris
- Sword fern
- Roses
- Western Redbud
- California Poppy
- Pomegranate





#### **Fire-Prone Plants:**

- Bamboo
- Eucalyptus
- Rosemary
- Lavender
- Juniper
- Pines, Firs, and Cedars
- Sage
- Lemon Balm



For more information about Fire Resistant Landscaping visit <a href="mailto:anr.edu/pdf/8228.pdf">anr.edu/pdf/8228.pdf</a>

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WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS WEEK BEGINS						



### MAY IS NATIONAL WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS MONTH

#### Work with your neighbors to prepare for wildfire:



**Reduce Fuels:** Host a community work day to reduce hazardous fuels together. Check yubafiresafe.org for assistance opportunities.



Check-In: Help elderly neighbors prepare an evacuation plan or reduce fuels around their home. Create a buddy system to support each other in case of emergency.





IMAGE BY BEVERLY CAMERON FILDES



MAGE BY JANNIKE ALLE

Maintenance Check: Perform an annual check of your home's building envelope—caulking and weatherstripping, wooden deck boards, paint, and gaps that may develop in siding all need regular maintenance to stay fire safe. Cleaning debris from roof and gutters may be needed multiple times per year.

Learn: Volunteers with our Wildfire Mitigation Review Program will show you fire safe improvements you can make around your own home and neighborhood. SIGN UP: www.yubafiresafe.org/wildfiremitigation-advisor-program



Residents reducing wildfire risks

**Organize:** Work with neighbors to create a Firewise USA® Site. It's about planning and making progress, not perfection. Contact YWPFSC for help with the process.



Get Kids Involved: Involve your kids, grandkids, or family friends in your annual wildfire season prep. Kids have a lot to contribute and will help us build a culture of living with wildfire. Check with YWPFSC for Wildfire Resilience curriculum or summer project ideas.

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### PLAYING IT SAFE IN THE SUMMER

Whether your summer plans include faraway trips or a local staycation, make sure you have these in place to kick your summer off right:

Code Red: Sign up for Code Red in Yuba County or the emergency notification service used by the county you're visiting, so authorities can alert you to wildfires and evacuation warnings.



You can visit BePreparedYuba.org before and during emergencies for information.



**Evacuation Tags:** If you have time when evacuating from home, place the tag in a highly visible location such as a mailbox, address sign, door, fence, or gate. This will help first responders save time and

save lives in an emergency. Tag locations are documented and removed quickly to keep evacuation zones and your property safe.

#### **Red Flag Warnings:**

The National Weather Service issues Red Flag Warnings when weather conditions are especially dangerous. including strong winds, low humidity, and dry fuels. Watch for Red Flags along roadsides in Yuba County, and check wrh.noaa.gov/map for updates. They're a reminder to not mow, weld, park in tall grass, or other activities that could spark a fire.





Tow Chain Covers: When towing a boat, horses, RV, utility, or any other

trailer, always cover your trailer chains to prevent sparks, and carry a fire extinguisher in your vehicle. Pick up free tow chain covers at shops and boat ramps around Yuba County. Visit yubafiresafe.org/nospark-tow-chain-covers for more information.









**Responsible Campfires**: Some campgrounds allow campfires in designated fire rings in the summer. If you have a campfire, stay safe with these tips:

- Check with campground host or local authority on current rules or burn bans.
- Do not leave your campfire unattended.
- If winds pick up, put the fire out.
- Keep water and a shovel nearby and know how to use them to put out your campfire.
- Spread Wet Stir Repeat Until Cold



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### WILDFIRE EVACUATION CHECKLIST

Review this information now to prepare yourself for a quick and safe evacuation.

TO-GO BAG ESSENTIALS:	PREPARE FAMILY MEMBERS, PETS, AND LIVESTOCK:	INSIDE THE HOME:
☐ Important documents (bank, IRS, trust,	☐ If possible, evacuate all family members not	Close all interior doors.
investment, insurance policy, birth certificates,	essential to preparing the house for wildfire.	☐ Leave a light on in each room.
medical records)	Plan several evacuation routes from your home.	☐ Remove lightweight, non-fire-resistant curtains
☐ ATM, credit and debit cards	Designate a safe meeting place and contact	and other combustible materials from around
☐ Medications	person.	windows.
☐ Prescription glasses	Relay your plans to a contact person.	☐ Close fire-resistant drapes, shutters, and blinds.
☐ Driver's license	Evacuate pets and livestock whenever possible	☐ Turn off all pilot lights.
☐ Passport	and never turn the animals loose.	☐ Move over-stuffed furniture, such as couches
☐ Computer backup files	☐ Notify your local Humane Society or other	and easy chairs, to the center of the room.
☐ Inventory of home contents (consider making a	organizations for assistance with animals if	☐ Close fireplace damper.
video inventory now, prior to an emergency)	needed.	Close or block off any doggie-doors.
☐ Photographs of the exterior of the house	☐ Be aware of your emergency notification system	
and landscape	such as reverse 911.	OUTSIDE THE HOME:
☐ Address book		☐ Place combustible patio furniture in the house
☐ Cell phone charger	PREPARE VEHICLE:	or garage.
☐ Portable Radio	If you can lift your garage door manually, place	lue Shut off propane at the tank or natural gas at
☐ Personal toiletries	vehicle in the garage pointing out with the keys	the meter.
☐ Enough clothing for 3-5 days	in the ignition and disconnect the electric	Close all exterior vents, doors, and windows.
☐ Family heirlooms, photo albums and videos.	garage door opener. If not, park in your	Prop a non-combustible ladder against the
	driveway facing out.	house to provide firefighters with easy access to
WHAT TO WEAR:	Roll up the car windows.	the roof.
☐ Wear only cotton or wool clothes, including	Close the garage door, but leave it unlocked.	Make sure that all garden hoses are connected
long pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, a hat,	Place essential items in the car.	to faucets and attach nozzles set on "spray".
and boots.	☐ If you do not drive, make other arrangements for	Leave exterior doors and gates unlocked.
☐ Carry gloves, an N95 mask or handkerchief to	transportation in advance.	Turn on outside lights.
cover your face, water to drink, and goggles.		☐ If available and if there's time, cover windows,
☐ Keep your cell phone, a flashlight, and portable	Be prepared!	attic openings, and vents with plywood that is at
radio with you at all times.	It will likely be dark, smoky, windy, and hot. There may	least one-half inch thick.
lue Tune in to a local radio station and listen for	be airborne burning embers, no power or telephone,	☐ Fill trash cans and buckets with water and place
instructions.	and poor water pressure. Remember, nothing you own	where firefighters can find them.

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### LIVING WITH FIRE

## Protect Your Health from Wildfire Smoke

Wildfire smoke can cause negative health effects such as headache, shortness of breath, and dampened immune system. Limit your exposure to fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) from wildfires to protect your health.

- Check current local air quality (map.purpleair.com, fire. airnow.gov), which may be at poor levels without smelling smoky. Stay indoors when air quality is poor outside.
- If you must be outdoors in smoke, wear a tight sealing N95 or P100 mask and limit physical activity.
- Filter your indoor air by buying a HEPA filter air purifier or creating a DIY air purifier (tinyurl.com/TSFcleanair).

Scan with your phone camera for air quality information:





Purple Air

AirNow.gov

#### TIP

Buy supplies proactively - once it gets smoky stores may run out of N95 masks and home air filters.



#### TIP

Home maintenance protects your home from both embers and smoke. Replace caulking, seal cracks, and install weather stripping to maintain healthy indoor air quality.



**Prepare for Power Outages:** the grid may be turned off during wildfires and Public Safety Power Outages (PSPS).

- Freeze extra blocks of ice to keep your fridge and freezer cool.
- Prepare an emergency kit with water to last several days, flashlights, first aid kit, portable cell phone charger, corded telephone for landline use, weather alert radio, and food. Much of this can double as your evacuation go-bag.

#### **During a Power Outage:**

- Put ice in fridge, keep it as full as possible, and keep door closed.
- Unplug electronics and when power is restored turn appliances back on one at a time to monitor for damage and avoid stressing the grid.
- Visit a cooling center if your home becomes too hot.



#### TIP

Freeze water in a small cup and place a penny on top of the ice. After the power outage, check if your penny fell to the bottom of your ice cup to know if your frozen goods thawed and re-froze (if so, discard sensitive foods such as meat).



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### **GET INVOLVED IN WILDFIRE RESILIENCE**

YWPFSC has many opportunities to support community wildfire preparedness. Check out one or all of these opportunities at www.yubafiresafe.org.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Contact info@yubafiresafe.org to volunteer with us!



#### Volunteer at the Oregon Peak Lookout

While many areas rely on cameras to help spot fires, it's hard to deny the value of having live "eyes on the Foothills". Oregon Peak Lookout has been in operation for over 30 years. Restored, maintained and manned by the community members through the

Volunteers in Prevention (VIP) program, it is the only staffed lookout tower in Yuba County. Learn how to join our team:

www.yubafiresafe.org/lookout-volunteers



## Become a Wildfire Mitigation Advisor

Receive training on home hardening and defensible space, and share that knowledge to help residents improve the wildfire resilience of their homes.



## Join the Outreach & Education Committee

Connect with the community by volunteering at

events, delivering address signs or tow chain covers, and spreading the word about wildfire preparedness in the foothills.



#### Become a Volunteer Firefighter

Contact your local volunteer fire department for volunteer and training

opportunities. See the last page of this calendar for contact information.

#### **RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS**

Contact programs@yubafiresafe.org to learn more!



#### **Residential Chipping Program**

Create defensible space around your home and we'll help you chip it!
Improve air quality and wildfire risk by not waiting for pile burning season.



#### Reflective Address Signs

Help first responders help you! Reflective address signs aid emergency personnel in finding

homes during emergencies & evacuations, helping them protect lives and property.



#### **Firewise USA Communities**

Join with your neighbors to become a Firewise community

- Firewise USA is a national program that encourages neighbors to take action to improve community wildfire resilience.
- Recognized Firewise Sites may be eligible for discounts on homeowners insurance & grants for fuels reduction work.
- YWPFSC can help guide your community through the Firewise process.

## Community-Scale Fuel Reduction

YWPFSC is working hard to implement multiple large scale fuel reduction projects across the



IMAGE BY CHRIS HAIL

Yuba Foothills. Learn what's happening in your neighborhood by attending Fire Safe Council meetings – dates and times are posted at www.yubafiresafe.org.

#### **AUGUST**

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## **THANK YOU FIREFIGHTERS!**

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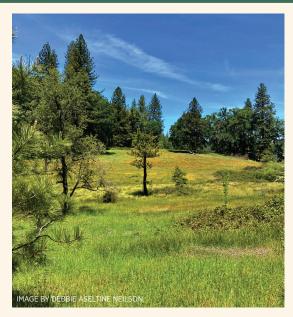
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29	30	31 HALLOWEEN				



### PARTNERSHIPS FOR WATERSHED RESILIENCE



#### **Yuba County Resource Conservation District**

Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) are "special districts" of the state of California, set up under California law to be locally governed agencies. RCDs assist landowners, land managers, and communities by implementing projects on public and private lands within their district that conserve natural resources and educate landowners and the public about resource conservation.

Yuba County RCD (YCRCD)'s present mission is to work with Yuba County landowners and communities to address local resource conservation concerns, including increasing farm, range, and forest sustainability, habitat improvement, and assisting landowners and land managers with wildfire hazard mitigation.

For more information about YCRCD and opportunities for engaging in local resource conservation, check out the YCRCD website at www.yubarcd.org

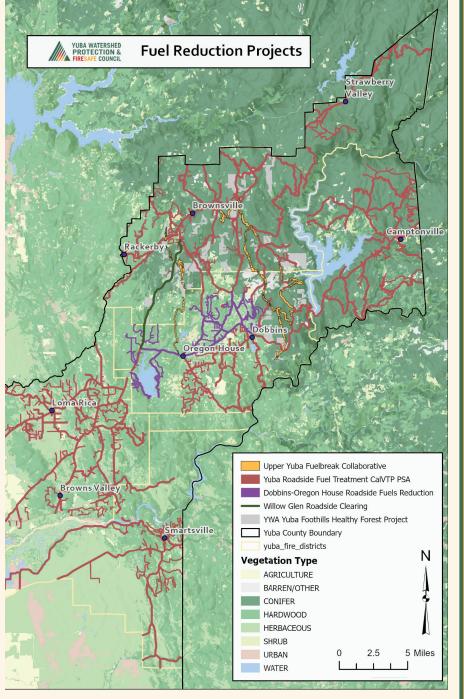


## Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council (YWPFSC)

facilitates collaboration throughout the Yuba County foothills to proactively build watershed and community resilience to wildfire by educating and empowering residents, implementing community-level mitigation projects, and supporting the integrity of our natural resources.

YWPFSC partners with local landowners and organizations such as YCRCD to implement projects that support our communities and the surrounding watersheds.





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#### **DECEMBER**

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5	6 ELECTION DAY	7	8	9	10	11  VETERANS DAY
12 DIWALI/DEEPAVALI	13 NEW MOON ●	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	THANKSGIVING DAY	24  NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY	25
26	27 FULL MOON	28	29	30		



## FIRE SAFE GIFTING



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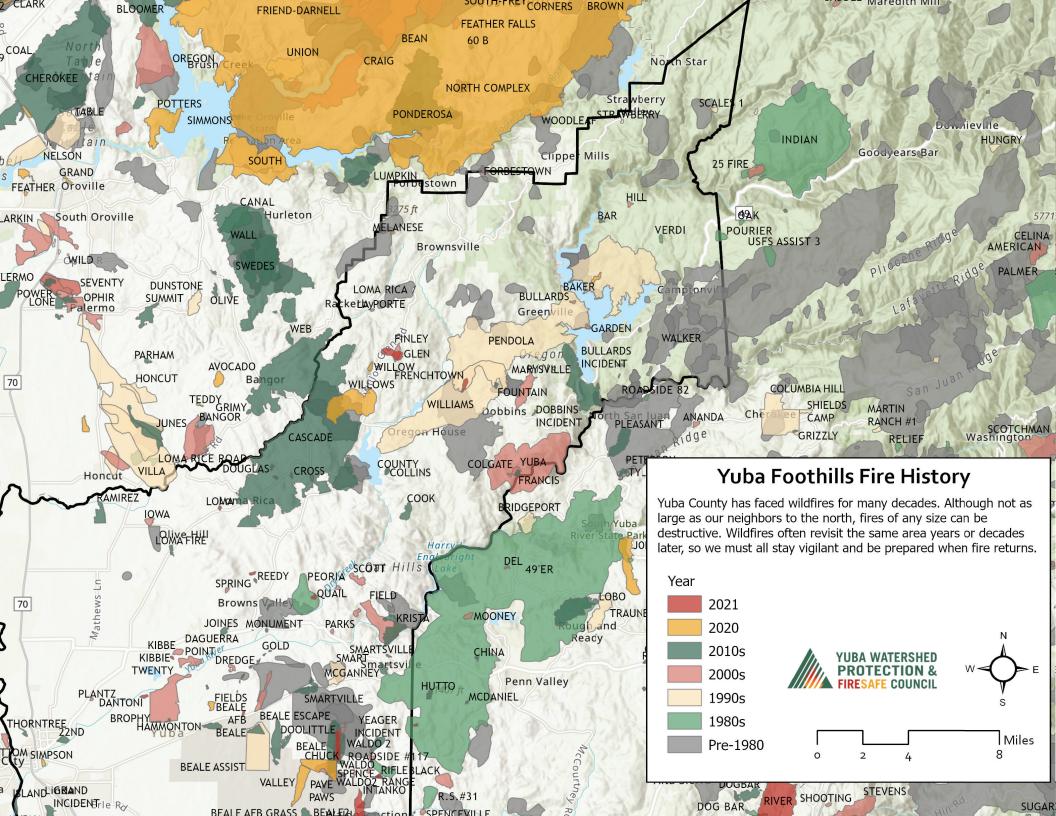
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				HANUKKAH BEGINS AT SUNSET		
10	11	12 NEW MOON ●	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				WINTER SOLSTICE		
24	25	26 FULL MOON	27	28	29	30
	CHRISTMAS DAY	KWANZAA (FIRST DAY)				
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NEW YEAR'S EVE						





### **FOR ANY EMERGENCY: CALL 911**

#### **RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department 15410 Mill Street Camptonville, CA 95922 (530) 288-0207

Dobbins - Oregon House Fire Protection District 9162 Marysville Rd Oregon House, CA 95962 (530) 692-2255 www.dohfd.com

Foothill Fire Protection District 16796 Willow Glen Rd Brownsville, CA 95919 (530) 675-0633 www.ffpd.net

Loma Rica - Browns Valley Fire Department 11485 Loma Rica Rd Loma Rica, CA 95901 (530) 741-0755 Irbvfire.org

Smartsville Fire Protection District 8459 Blue Gravel Rd Smartsville, CA 95977 (530) 639-0405 CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit - Dobbins 9946 Marysville Rd. Dobbins, CA 95935 (530) 692-1616

CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit - Loma Rica 11485 Loma Rica Rd Marysville, CA 95901 (530) 743-4477

CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit - Smartsville 8839 Hwy 20 Smartsville, CA 95977 (530) 639-0405

CAL FIRE Unit Headquarters-Auburn (530) 889-0111

US Forest Service -Tahoe NF Yuba River Ranger District 15924 Hwy 49, Camptonville, CA 95922 (530) 288-3231

US Forest Service - Tahoe NF Supervisor's Office 631 Coyote St. Nevada City, CA 95959 (530) 265-4531 US Forest Service - Plumas NF Feather River Ranger District 875 Mitchell Ave Oroville, CA 95965 (530) 534-6500

Feather River Air Quality
Management District
www.fraqmd.org
Residential Burn Status: 530-741-6299
Agricultural Burn Status: 530-634-7659 ext. 201
Complaints: complaints@fraqmd.org

Yuba County Fire Prevention Officer (530) 749-5618

**Yuba County Sheriff** (530) 749-7777

Yuba County OES (530) 749-7520 www.bepreparedyuba.org



Yuba County Public Works (530) 749-5420

**Yuba County Assessor** (530) 749-7820

Yuba Watershed Protection &Fire Safe Council (530) 645-2236 info@yubafiresafe.org www.yubafiresafe.org



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