#1. Take a few minutes to keep your home, family, and possessions safe

Plan more than one escape route from your home and community by car and by foot.

- ☐ Your Pets: Make arrangements for the shelter of your pets and/or livestock prior to an emergency.
- ☐ Create and maintain your 100' defensible space around your home and other permanent structures on your property.
- ☐ Have fire extinguishers on hand and ensure that your family is trained on the use of them.
- ☐ Shutoffs! Ensure that your family knows where the main shutoffs are for your gas, electric and water and that they know how to use them.
- ☐ Create and maintain an emergency contact list of numbers and post them near your phone and in your emergency kit.
- ☐ Appoint an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact, so you can communicate with family members who have relocated.
- ☐ Keep an extra emergency supply kit in your car in the event that you cannot get to your home.

You can prevent this from happening!

Prepare a FAMILY EVACUATION KIT with the following:

Clothing, bedding: 3 changes of clothing, footwear, a sleeping bag or blanket per person
Food: Three day supply of food.
Healthcare: first aid kit that includes any prescription medications, special items needed for infants, elderly or disabled family members, sanitation supplies,
Safety: flashlight, extra car keys.
Financial & Important documents: Credit cards, cash, important phone numbers, wills, insurance info, important family documents, social security cards, immunization records, bank account numbers, inventory list of valuable household items, deeds, stocks, etc.

#2. Protect from EMBERS – The #1 cause of home loss during a wildfire!

Here's your ember awareness checklist

Wood Roof - Replace wood roofing with fire resistant types such as composition, metal and tile.

Roof Openings - Plug openings in roof, such as open ends of barrel tiles, with non-combustible materials. **Roof Debris**-Routinely remove pine needles, leaves, branches, and bark from the roof.

Skylights - Replace plastic skylights with double pane glass. One pane should be tempered glass. Close skylight if fire is threatening home.

Spark Arrester - Install an approved spark arrester on chimneys and stovepipe.

Windows -Close all windows if fire is threatening home.

Vents - Cover attic and foundation vents with 1/8 inch wire mesh. If wildfire is approaching, consider covering vents with pre cut plywood or aluminum foil to prevent ember intrusion.

Rain Gutters - Keep rain gutters clear of debris.

Siding - Fill gaps in siding and trim materials with good quality caulk and replace poor condition building material.

Wood piles - Keep firewood stacks and lumber 30 ft. from structures.

Patio Furniture - Place combustible patio furniture, such as lounges, tables, hammocks, inside garage/house if wildfire is threatening.

Deck Boards - Replace deck boards that are less that one inch thick or that are in poor condition. Use metal flashing between the deck and the house.

Deck Debris - Remove debris (pine needles, leaves) from between deck boards and house, and lying on top of deck.

Porch and Deck Accessories - If wildfire is threatening, remove combustible materials from the porch and deck including newspaper, baskets, door mats, pine cones, dried flower arrangements. Place BBQ propane tanks indoors.

Under the Deck - Remove debris (pine needles, weeds, leaves) wood piles, and other easily ignited materials from under decks.

Eaves - Cover open eaves with sheathing such as plywood or fiber-cement board. Use tongue and groove joints or other intricate joint types, and do not use butt joints.

Flowerbeds - Replace wood mulches with noncombustible types. Remove dead debris (weeds, leaves, pine needles) from the flowerbeds next to the house, other buildings, and next to any wooden fences. Replace ornamental junipers with low-growing deciduous shrubs, flowers with irrigation.

Vehicles - Close vehicle windows. Back into the garage and close the garage door or park away from the house.

Garage Door - Adjust garage doors to achieve as tight a fit as possible with the door frame. Consider using trim around the garage door opening to reduce the size of gap openings. Close the garage door if wildfire is threatening.

Garbage Cans/Containers and Recycling Bins - Use garbage cans covered with tight fitting lids near the house or other building. Move newspaper recycling bins indoors.

Wooden Fences - Maintain wooden fences in good condition and create noncombustible fence section or gate next to the house for at least 5-10 feet.