

# Important Information About Wildfire Safety

## 2022 FIRE SEASON

### Wildfire Safety Top Priority For Park District


Due to climate change and ongoing drought, this year's fire season is expected to be extreme. Here are some quick facts about the Park District's wildfire protection activities and resources:

- **Over 1,000 acres of flammable vegetation is thinned and removed each year** as part of the District's holistic forest management program, while also protecting natural habitat and sensitive wildlife.
- **86,115 acres are grazed annually** to reduce fire fuels in parks.
- **886 dead and dying trees have been removed** to address Sudden Tree Die-Off in parks, with additional removal projects planned.
- **30 professionally trained full-time and on-call wildland firefighters** (staff with other jobs in the District, but are also fully trained as firefighters).
- **14-member fuels reduction crew** works year-round to reduce hazardous and flammable vegetation in parks. They are also professionally trained firefighters.
- **Two Park District helicopters** stand ready to drop water on fires as needed.
- **Four remote automatic weather stations** constantly monitor wildfire risks so resources can be deployed effectively.
- **Eight fire deployment stations** are strategically located throughout the District with equipment ready to fight fires.

**Wildfire Safety Information:**  
[ebparks.org/firewarninginfo](http://ebparks.org/firewarninginfo)



### What Should Park Neighbors Do To Prepare?

Zone 1 (Within 30 feet)	Zone 2 (30-100 feet)
Maintain 30 feet of "clean and green" defensible space around your home.	Maintain 100 feet of "reduced fuel" defensible space around your home.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remove all dead plants, grass, and weeds.</li><li>• Remove dead leaves and pine needles from roofs and rain gutters.</li><li>• Remove branches that hang over your roof and keep them 10 feet away from chimneys.</li><li>• Keep woodpiles more than 30 feet from your home.</li><li>• Keep tree branches at least 10 feet from other trees.</li><li>• Keep area around and under decks free of vegetation and flammable items.</li><li>• Install fine wire mesh under roof eaves and over attic and foundation vents.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mow grass to a maximum height of four inches. Never mow on a hot, windy or red flag day.</li><li>• Create horizontal spacing between trees and shrubs.</li></ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plant fire resistant native plants.</li><li>• Trim trees 10 feet from the ground and six feet from other plants. This eliminates the vertical "fire ladder." Large trees do not need to be removed if the plants beneath them are removed.</li></ul>

### More Resources:

Visit your local fire department's website for more information on defensible space requirements. CAL FIRE has additional tips available at [readyforwildfire.org](http://readyforwildfire.org).

## WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

May is National Wildfire Awareness Month, a time when the Park District and other public agencies come together to stress the importance of preparing for the upcoming wildfire season.

This year, due to the ongoing severe drought, dry vegetation, and potentially extreme weather, we are preparing for what is likely to be another difficult wildfire season.

While the Park District works year-round to manage and remove hazardous vegetation, it is the collective efforts of homeowners and neighbors that can have the greatest positive impact.

We need your help to prevent small fires from becoming large disasters.

# WILDFIRE SAFETY



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