



BE PREPARED FOR A WILDFIRE



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Wildfires can ruin homes and cause injuries or death to people and animals.

A wildfire is an unplanned fire that burns in a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or prairie.



Often caused by humans or lightning



Can cause flooding or create problems with transportation, gas, power, and communications



Can happen anywhere, anytime. Risk increases with little rain and high winds



The Federal Government spends billions of dollars fighting wildfires each year

IF YOU ARE UNDER A WILDFIRE WARNING, GET TO SAFETY RIGHT AWAY

Leave if told to do so.



Listen for emergency information and alerts.

If trapped, call 911.



Use N95 masks to keep particles out of the air you breathe.

HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN A WILDFIRE THREATENS

Prepare NOW

Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

Know your community's evacuation plans and find several ways to leave the area. Drive the evacuation routes and find shelter locations. Have a plan for pets and livestock.

Gather emergency supplies, including N95 respirator masks that filter out particles in the air you breathe. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Don't forget the needs of pets.

Keep important documents in a fireproof safe place. Create password-protected digital copies.

Use fire-resistant materials to build, renovate, or make repairs.

Find an outdoor water source with a hose that can reach any area of your property.

Create a fire-resistant zone that is free of leaves, debris, or flammable materials for at least 30 feet from your home.

Review insurance coverage to make sure it is enough to replace your property.

Survive DURING

Evacuate. Leave immediately if authorities tell you to do so.

If trapped, call 911 and give your location, but be aware that emergency response could be delayed or impossible. Turn on lights to help people find you.

Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, or local alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions.

Use an N95 masks to keep particles out of the air you breathe.

Be Safe AFTER

Listen to authorities to find out if it is safe to return and whether water is safe to drink.

Avoid hot ash, charred trees, smoldering debris, and live embers. The ground may contain heat pocket that can burn you or spark another fire. Consider the danger to pets and livestock.

Send text messages or use social media to reach out to family and friends. Phone systems are often busy following a disaster. Make calls only in emergencies.

Document property damage with photographs. Conduct an inventory and contact your insurance company for assistance.

Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to **ready.gov** and search for **wildfire**. Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for a **wildfire**. Find Emergency Safety Tips under Prepare.



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A little planning now can make a big difference later



Plan for wildfires and possible evacuation

Get more information from the [National Fire Protection Association](#), the [Red Cross](#) and [ready.gov](#) on how to keep your business (and your family) safe.

- Create a line of defense — clear flammable trees and plants away from your business.
- Plan your evacuation route if needed (see your county's evacuation guide) and keep your car fueled. Remind your employees to do the same.
- Gather hard copies of what you need in an evacuation, like ID, financial records, insurance information and legal and business records.

Tip: Help your device battery last

- Don't turn it off – your tablet or phone uses more battery when being turned off and on, so use sleep mode instead.
- Manually disable Bluetooth and notifications you don't need (leave emergency notifications on). Turn Wi-Fi off when not needed.
- Turn the brightness of the display down as low as possible.
- Close apps when you're done using them.

Emergency planning resources

Oregon's Office of Emergency Management has resources for businesses, including an emergency preparedness checklist for a wide range of events, from earthquake to wildfire. This checklist can help you think through how to get prepared for any event ahead of time, what to do during and immediately after the event, and how to recover.

oregon.gov/oem/Documents/OEM_Preparedness_Checklist.pdf

FEMA also provides planning guides for businesses that include a range of planning tools, including power outage toolkits for business.

ready.gov/business

A guide specifically designed for healthcare facilities is available, and includes information and resources to improve resilience to power outages, information on integrating plans, and prioritizing assistance during an outage.

fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/healthcare-facilities-and-power-outages.pdf

Wildfire resources

- redcross.org/wildfire
- wildfire.oregon.gov
- ready.gov/wildfire
- [National Fire Protection Association
nfpa.org/public-education](https://nationalfire.org/public-education)
- 211info.org

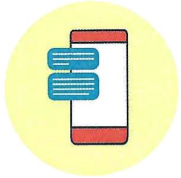


Be prepared for a PSPS



Depending on weather conditions and other factors, a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS), which is always a last-resort safety measure, could last several hours or multiple days.

Stay in the know



Update your email address and phone number with us online, on the PGE app or by calling us so we can send you notices in the event of a PSPS.

Check our Wildfire Outages page for a map of areas at higher risk for a PSPS, and for real-time restoration updates.

Create a PSPS outage kit

Below are a few basic items to start you off, and you can add more to suit your business' needs.



Flashlights or camp lights for all areas, including bathrooms

Battery-powered or hand-crank radio

Battery-powered or manual clock/watch and fans

Extra batteries

Car chargers for cell phones and other electronic devices

Bottled water for people and animals (if your water relies on an electric pump)

Emergency phone numbers, including PGE Customer Service: 503-228-6322 or the number of your account representative

Minimize business disruption

Be sure to communicate your outage response plan with key employees.



Identify how you could run your business without power. Think about how you'll complete transactions, keep employees and customers cool, power your lighting and ensure safety and security.

Plan a manual alternative for work done on computers and cash registers.

Ensure electronic door locks can be bypassed manually.

If you have an emergency lighting system, make sure it's in working order.

Train your employees to know what to do if they're working when the power goes out, including shutting down sensitive equipment.

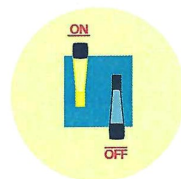
Plan how you'll let customers and employees know you're closing if the power goes out.

Make a plan for caring for perishable inventory, watering crops and keeping livestock or animals cool and watered.

Consider a backup generator and follow manufacturers' guidelines for safe operation.

Protect equipment

Power outages can affect equipment and data. Here's how to protect them both.



Know how you'll keep critical equipment running during an outage.

Locate power switches on non-critical equipment and turn them off.

Locate your electrical supply panels and know how to shut off power.

Protect computers and other equipment from power surges with good quality surge protection.

Prevent data loss with automatic backup programs and battery backup systems.