



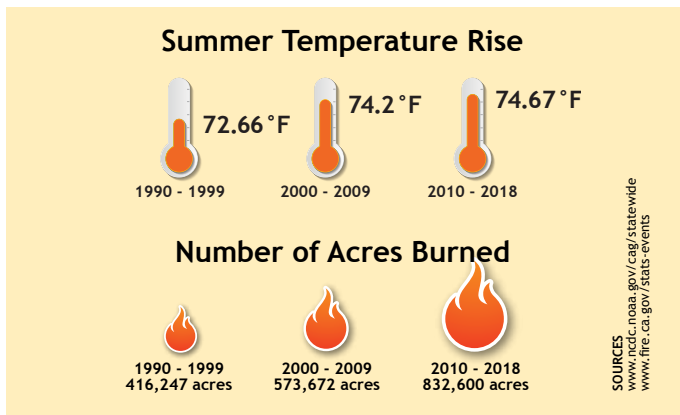
# Share these fire facts with your family.

## Why are there such big and destructive wildfires in California today?

- Our forests have become overgrown, providing lots of fuel to burn.
- Climate change has caused temperatures to rise and increased droughts, making our fire seasons hotter, dryer and longer than ever.

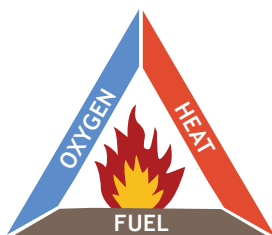
## What can you do to protect your home from being ignited from an ember shower?

- Rake leaves and cut tall grass.
- Remove bushes with dry leaves and twigs and prune tree branches close to the house.
- Move wooden furniture and cushions away from the house.
- Clean leaves off the roof and from the gutters.
- Seal openings to keep out embers.

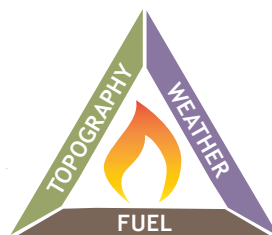


## What causes wildfires to spread?

- Fire needs heat, oxygen and fuel to burn.
- Wildfires need weather, topography and fuel.
- Heat rises so fires go uphill faster than downhill.
- Wind sends embers long distances and can start “spot fires.”



Fire Triangle



Wildfire Triangle

*Understanding wildfire helps us to live with a natural part of our ecology.*



## Review with your family

# WILDFIRE ACTION PLAN CHECKLIST

### EVACUATION INFORMATION

- Sign up for Alert Marin
- Monitor the radio and TV on Red Flag Days
- Keep your cell phone charged

### PREPARE YOUR GO BAG

- Medications
- Eyeglasses
- Sanitation supplies
- Water and food
- Change of Clothing
- Flashlight & batteries
- First aid kit
- Evacuation map
- Battery powered radio
- Pet supplies
- Cell phone & charger
- Change of clothes

### WHAT TO WEAR

- Long sleeve shirt
- Long pants
- Goggles
- Leather gloves
- Bandana
- Hat
- Leather boots

### WHEN YOU LEAVE

- Leave immediately if ordered
- Leave early if unsure
- Assist elderly or disabled neighbors if time
- Take only essential items
- Turn on headlights, close windows
- Turn on inside air and AC
- Monitor the radio
- Drive slowly and defensively
- Proceed downhill away from fire
- Best evacuation route is one you know best
- Don't evacuate by fire road
- Evacuate on foot only as last resort
- Remain calm

**Sign Up For Evacuation Notices!**

**ALERT MARIN** [www.alertmarin.org](http://www.alertmarin.org)

Used when emergency action is needed at a specific address due to wildfires, imminent flooding, evacuations, or other public safety incidents. **Online registration required!**

**NIXLE** [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)

Used to provide incident information for a specific zip code. Road closures, post-disaster information about shelters, transportation, or supplies; police activity and general public safety information.