

Wildfires Do Not Wait – Neither Should You!

California Wildfire Preparedness Week: May 5–11th

Wildfires move fast — sometimes giving you only minutes or seconds to act. They do not wait. They do not give second chances.

In 2024, California experienced:

- 8,024 wildfires reported
- Over 1 million acres burned
- More than 1,700 structures destroyed

Los Angeles County was hit especially hard, forcing thousands to evacuate with little warning. The message is clear: **Be ready before it happens.**

Did you know?

Embers can travel up to a mile ahead of a wildfire. Even homes outside the direct fire path can be at risk.



Be Wildfire READY with the 1–2–3 Checklist:

- **Know Your Risk** — Find out if you live or work in a high-risk area.
- **Make a Plan** — Create a simple household emergency plan.
- **Take Action** — Build a kit, sign up for alerts, and practice your plan.

If told to evacuate — **GO IMMEDIATELY**. Do not wait. Your safety comes first.

Support Older Adults

This May — during both Wildfire Awareness Month and Older Americans Month — check in on older adults who may need help:

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- Help them create an evacuation plan.
- Provide transportation or a place to stay.
- Call or visit, a quick check-in could save a life.

How ACSSA Helps You Stay Safe

The Alameda County Social Services Agency (ACSSA) is prepared to:

- Monitor wildfire activity and air quality.
- Share alerts via bulletins, email, and ACSSA website.
- Update the internal ACSSA Employee Emergency Hotline.
- Assist with evacuations and shelters.

Learn more at:

- [Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management \(DPEM\) Program](#)
- [DPEM Preparedness Flyer](#)
- [AC Alerts](#)
- [CAL Fire - Ready for Wildfire](#)
- [Listos California – Disaster Readiness](#)
- [Ready.gov/wildfires](#)
- [Ready.gov/older-adults](#)

Stay alert. Stay prepared. Stay Safe.

Questions? Contact the DPEM Team at SSADPEM@acgov.org

Take care, stay safe!

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