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June is Evacuation Preparedness Month: Let's Prepare Together!

As part of Ashland's [four-month wildfire campaign](#), June's theme is **BE READY TO EVACUATE**. It is important that all Ashland residents be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice from your home or workplace by [making a plan](#) for evacuation. *Ashland has had three wildfire evacuations since 2009.* It will happen again so let's be ready.

Here are five things to do this June:

- ❑ **Know Your Zone** - Visit ashland.or.us/evacuate and click *Know Your Zone* to view the City's Evacuation Zone map and to download a detailed map of your zone.
- ❑ **Know Your Alerts** - Sign up for Nixle – Ashland's community alert system – this is how we'll alert you for any emergency. To sign up for Nixle, go to ashland.or.us/nixle or text the numbers 97520 to 888777 on your cell phone.
- ❑ **Get Ready** – Make a go kit for each family member, stored in your vehicle, and small enough to carry on foot if necessary. Follow the steps at www.ready.gov/wildfires.
- ❑ **Plan to Stay Together** – Plan to take one (1) vehicle in an evacuation to minimize evacuation gridlock. Keep the gas tank of this vehicle full during fire season.
- ❑ **Know Ready, Set, Go! Evacuation Levels** – It is vital you understand and prepare for evacuations based on Ready, Set, Go! Here they are:

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Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch for Nixle alerts for your zone. Be prepared to monitor 1700 AM radio in case phone services or electricity is interrupted. • Prepare “Go Kits”. Have a plan for pets and family members with special needs. • Keep your chosen evacuation vehicle’s gas tank full, or if electric, fully charged. 	Be Ready
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared to evacuate at a moment’s notice with “Go Kits” in your vehicle. • Consider evacuating during Level 2 if your family needs extra time, or if conditions feel unsafe to you. Use situational awareness and your best judgement. • This may be the only evacuation notice you receive if conditions worsen rapidly. 	Be Set
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave immediately. Do not spend further time collecting additional belongings. • You will not be able to return until conditions are safe. <i>It is important to plan ahead for this possibility at level 1 alerts or earlier.</i> • Evacuation routes can change. Continue monitoring Nixle and/or 1700 AM radio. 	Go!

What else can you do?

It’s not too late to follow April and May’s themes at fireadaptedashland.org to take actions to prepare your home and property for wildfire, including:

- [Harden Your Home](#) against embers and flames, and
- [Be Firewise](#) by adapting your property to wildfire.

Request a wildfire risk assessment for your home: Ashland Fire & Rescue and the Wildfire Safety Commission have created an all-volunteer “Wildfire Risk Assessor” Program (WRAP) to help us continue to build and maintain a resilient, fire adapted community. The Ashland Volunteer Wildfire Risk Assessor (WRA) performs wildfire home risk assessments within Ashland City limits to advise property owners and residents on the wildfire risks associated with their property and how to reduce those risks. *Request a risk assessment [HERE](#).

**Please note: there is a waiting list due to the high demand for this service. Please be patient, you will be contacted as soon as possible to schedule your assessment.*

See more at fireadaptedashland.org/wildfireprep and at displays at select local stores and the Tuesday Farmer’s Market in Ashland.

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