



## EXTENSION

# WILDFIRE PREPARATION CHECKLIST

## Important Things to Remember

Drought and high winds make a perfect combination for wildfires. However, there are things you can do for your home, property and livestock to reduce the damage caused by wildfire. Set aside the time to discuss these points with your family (and landlord as appropriate).

- ▶ **Plan before a wildfire happens**
- ▶ **Never get in front of an oncoming wildfire**
- ▶ **Interfering with, obstructing, impeding the progress of, molesting, or assaulting firefighters in the performance of their duties is a felony in Oklahoma (Statute 21-1217)**

### HOME AND FAMILY

- ☐ Important phone numbers ready - fire, sheriff, neighbors
- ☐ Check insurance coverage: amount and extent; home, buildings and items within
- ☐ Make a plan so family members and workers know what to do and where to go
- ☐ Choose a common contact in another town as the communication relay
- ☐ Meeting place predetermined for your family and workers
- ☐ Important papers in a safety deposit box or fireproof safe
- ☐ Keep an inventory of all household, barn, shop and other outbuildings with pictures, video, and receipts
- ☐ Have a kit of essentials - flashlights, spare chargers, water, etc.
- ☐ Prescription medications should be ready for travel
- ☐ Have a plan for evacuation of pets

### PROPERTY

- ☐ Remove flammable materials (plants, etc.) within 5 ft. of home
- ☐ Keep yard around home mowed short
- ☐ Trim up any trees that have limbs or branches within 6-10 foot of ground that are within 5-30 foot of home
- ☐ Remove flammable materials within 5 foot of barns, shops, and outbuildings
- ☐ Keep windows and doors closed on barns, shops, and other outbuildings
- ☐ Clean off flammable material/fluids from equipment

- ☐ Store equipment on gravel, bare ground or areas mowed/grazed short
- ☐ Frequently remove wind-blown debris, such as tumbleweeds, from around buildings and equipment

### LIVESTOCK AND FEED

- ☐ Don't store all hay in one area
- ☐ Store hay on gravel, bare ground or areas mowed/grazed short
- ☐ Store hay away from homes, barns, buildings or equipment
- ☐ Check with insurance policy on hay coverage limitations
- ☐ Place mineral feeders in pasture corners to create trampled areas for livestock to gather
- ☐ Feed along fence lines or corners to create livestock refuge areas
- ☐ Make a plan for animals held in small areas
- ☐ Release stalled horses into nearby pens or pastures when safety and time allows
- ☐ Move herds to green fields/short-grazed areas to improve their ability to move away from fire when safety and time allows.
- ☐ Have a plan if fence cutting becomes necessary, including conversations with those with neighboring pastures.

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### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Wildfire: Preparing the Ranch and Farm E-1048: [extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/wildfire-preparing-the-ranch-and-farm.html](https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/wildfire-preparing-the-ranch-and-farm.html)

Management After Wildfire NREM-2881: [extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/management-after-wildfire.html](https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/management-after-wildfire.html)

Wildfires in Oklahoma NREM-2888: [extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/wildfires-in-oklahoma.html](https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/wildfires-in-oklahoma.html)

Firewise USA: [nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA](https://nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA), FEMA Wildfire information: [ready.gov/wildfires](https://ready.gov/wildfires)

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