

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND PROPERTY FROM WILDFIRE



Protection from wildfires and other natural disasters is increasingly critical. Prepare your family and property beforehand to reduce your risk. During an emergency be prepared to act on your own as emergency personnel will be responding to the most critical issues.

Use this guide and refer to the Greater Avenues Community Council webpage to prepare before and act during a wildfire or other natural disaster. **Implement these steps incrementally to help you complete more of them and be better prepared.**



The Wildfire Preparedness Committee of the Greater Avenues Community Council
www.avenuescouncil.org/project/wildfire-preparedness/

PROPERTY PREPAREDNESS

- **Know Your Fire Zone.** Over 1,500 Avenues residences are highly vulnerable due to their proximity to the wildland urban interface. Many more properties throughout the Avenues are susceptible due to their density and unpredictable fire weather. Learn the relevant zones for the places you and your family spend time. This information will help you understand risks and better comply with evacuation notices. <https://fire.slc.gov/wildland/>
- **Create Defensible Space.** If every Avenues property created at least five feet of clearance around their properties, risk to each property would decrease significantly. Clear and properly dispose of combustible materials, including dry foliage and liquids, five feet away from property structures. Encourage neighbors to do the same to create a larger neighborhood defensible space. Request a free Salt Lake City Fire Department home assessment to customize recommendations for your property. Request a free annual personal or neighborhood Call 2 Haul yard waste pickup via MySLC Mobile app or mySLC.gov.
- **Insurance.** Understand and review your insurance policy with trusted advisors to ensure coverage is adequate to repair and replace losses. Document belongings and keep a copy of this information off-site. Find basic policy information and consumer-focused recommendations at: www.avenuescouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Insurance-101.pdf; www.uphhelp.org/

PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS

- **Go-Bags, Grab-List and this Flyer.** This link provides recommendations for Go-Bag contents to be customized to your family's needs. Include pets and their supplies too. Create and keep a list of items to quickly gather and pack, plus this flyer, in an easy-access location to reduce stress and decision making during an evacuation. A portable file hanger box is helpful for written documents. <https://www.slc.gov/em/build-a-kit/>
- **Emergency Notifications.** Familiarize yourself with, and turn on smartphone notifications. Navigate through the Settings areas on phones to accomplish. Confirm family members have access to these notifications too.
- **Know Your Neighbors.** Create a neighborhood notification list to implement collective action.
- **Call for Help.** Press the Power Button on Android and iOS phones five times. Consult phone brand website for other options.
- **Monitor Disaster.** Download and familiarize yourself with the **Watch Duty** and **FEMA** apps, plus any preferred news, social media, and government sites such as <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/>.
- **Evacuation and Reunification.** Learn, drive, and stay aware of route options from your home, work, and other sites where your family spends time. Identify, coordinate with, and assist neighbors requiring additional help. Monitor both Evacuation Warnings and Evacuation Notices to learn which routes to use depending on disaster location and disaster response personnel access needs. Establish meeting sites in advance to reunite family members.
- **Evacuation Sites and First-Aid.** Decide beforehand the most accessible and logical evacuation sites for you. These could include distant residences, public buildings or parking lots, or evacuation reception centers. Learn if pets are accepted. Monitor media during a disaster to learn where evacuation centers and first-aid are available.

Learn how wildfire can damage your home and community, and take steps to lessen damage.

Recent wildfires demonstrate that increasing severity and unpredictable weather factors make more neighborhoods vulnerable. If each of us does our part to reduce individual risk, we can collectively create safer, more resilient neighborhoods.



Follow the QR code for more info

