The Ready, Set, Go! Program seeks to share information with residents on what you can do to successfully prepare for a wildland fire. Speak with your local fire department about your area’s threat for wildland fire and learn more about the wildland urban interface (WUI). Fire season is an increasing threat and a year-round reality in many areas. Do your part to be prepared. The RSG! Program gives you simple, easy to follow tips.

- **Ready – Be ready.** Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of a wildland fire so your home is ready in case of a fire. Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home. Use fire-resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire-safe construction measures. Create your Personal Wildland Fire Action Plan:
  - Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe place.
  - Plan escape routes and make sure all those residing in the home know the plan of action and practice it regularly.

- **Set – Situational awareness.** Pack your emergency items. Know how to receive and stay aware of the latest news and information on the fire from local media, your local fire department and public safety.

- **Go – Act early!** Follow your Personal Wildland Fire Action Plan. Doing so will not only support your safety, but will allow firefighters to best maneuver resources to combat the fire.

Additional tips can be found on the back side of this flyer, on [www.wildlandfireRSG.org](http://www.wildlandfireRSG.org), on [www.iafc.org/wildland](http://www.iafc.org/wildland), and [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

Preparing your Community for Wildfire

Wildland fire is a community issue that takes a cooperative effort from the federal level to the individual homeowner to properly address. We all share the responsibility to reduce wildland fire risk.

The IAFC's Wildland Fire Programs offer guidance, insight, and resources that support your local fire department in their outreach, education, mitigation, and response efforts.
Be Informed - Communicate with your local fire department and familiarize yourself with the following topics:

**The Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI)** – Refers to the zone of transition between unoccupied land and human development. Lands and communities adjacent to and surrounded by wildlands are at risk of wildland fires.

*Defensible Space* – Create a buffer zone between your house and the WUI by removing weeds, brush, and other vegetation.

*Ember Zone* – A home within one mile of a natural area is considered a part of an ember zone, where wind-driven embers can be a risk to your property.

*Hardening your Home* – Measures you can take to safeguard your home from wildland fire. Construction materials and the quality of defensible space surrounding it are what give a home the best chance to survive a wildland fire.

Next Steps - After you have protected your home, it’s time to prepare your family. Use the Ready, Set, Go! Personal Wildland Fire Action Guide and prepare with all members of your household well in advance of a fire. To obtain a copy of the guide, please contact your local fire service or visit www.wildlandfireRSG.org - “Resident” tab. Use the checklists to help you gain situational awareness of the threat and to prepare your family disaster plan.

- **Ready** – Preparing for the Fire Threat
- **Set** – Situation Awareness When a Fire Starts
- **Go!** – Act Early
- **Create your family disaster plan.** Practice it with your family and keep it accessible so all family members can see it.
- **Be Informed, Be Prepared, Live Responsibly.** Visit www.iafc.org/wildland to watch a PSA with steps you can take today to improve your home and family's safety.

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