

Ready, Set, Go! Program and Living With Fire: How They Work Together



The Ready, Set, Go! Program seeks to develop and improve the dialogue between fire departments and the residents they serve. The program helps fire departments teach individuals who live in high risk wildland fire areas – and the wildland-urban interface (WUI) – how to best prepare themselves and their properties against wildland fire threats. The program’s tenets help residents be *Ready* with preparedness understanding, be *Set* with situational awareness when fire threatens, and to *Go* early when necessary. The RSG! Program works in complementary and collaborative fashion with existing wildland fire public education efforts, like Living With Fire, and amplifies their messages to individuals.

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension’s Living With Fire program encourages local solutions for wildfire threat reduction by involving homeowners, community leaders, planners, developers, firefighters and others in creating fire-adapted communities – places where people and property are safer from the risk of brush, grass and forest fires.

Living With Fire principles can help individuals and communities accomplish the “Ready,” “Set,” and “Go!” tenets of RSG by providing the proven steps before, during and after the fire threat.

Used together, the Ready, Set, Go! and Living With Fire programs can save lives and property by:

- **Defining the risk and responsibility.** Fire is a natural process and plays an important role in our environment. However, loss of homes to wildfire is not inevitable. Once residents understand what causes homes to ignite, they have a better understanding of their role in protecting their families, homes and property from wildfire – all year round.
- **Empowering individual action.** Ready, Set, Go! and Living With Fire provide residents with specific guidelines for reducing risk within the home ignition zone –which includes the home and extends out to 100 to 200 feet. This includes clearing property of debris and maintaining the landscape, as well as following recommendations for fire-resistant home design and construction, such as installing Class A roofing and tempered glass windows.
- **Encouraging community-level engagement.** By taking a fire-adapted community approach to wildfire preparedness, communities can greatly reduce their wildfire vulnerability. The Living With Fire program facilitates this process providing a framework for communities to collaborate with partners including state forestry and local fire departments to organize, plan, and conduct activities each year that make a difference in community wildfire safety.
- **Furthering firefighter and resident safety during a fire event.** A fire-resistant property enables firefighters to focus on containing the wildland fire itself, rather than defending individual structures. Ready, Set, Go! also bring fire departments and residents together to build important understanding, preparedness, and action.

They may be called wildland fires, brush fires, grass fires or forest fires, yet the threat remains the same.

Learn more about the Nevada’s Living With Fire program and
how to develop a personal “Ready, Set, Go!” action plan.