

2017 Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month Talking Points

Wildfire threatens Nevada communities almost every year. The result has been destruction of homes, devastation of property and loss of human life. Key to surviving and minimizing the wildfire impacts to Nevada communities are informed and proactive residents.

In response, representatives of Nevada's local, state, and federal firefighting agencies; wildfire prone communities; and University of Nevada Cooperative Extension have conducted a wildfire awareness campaign every May since 2006. They have established the theme for this year's Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month to be "**Wildfire! Prepare. Anticipate. Evacuate.**"

Residents of Nevada's wildfire prone communities are encouraged to...

- **Prepare:** Make ready their family, property and possessions now, before a wildfire starts. This includes to create defensible space around their homes, use ignition resistant building materials, provide appropriate access for firefighters and their equipment, and develop a family evacuation plan.
- **Anticipate:** Monitor environmental conditions and know when significant wildfire behavior is expected. When these conditions are present, they should review their family evacuation plan, check their family To-Go bag, assemble a Disaster Supply Kit and be prepared to evacuate family members and pets on a moment's notice.
- **Evacuate:** Quickly leave their homes in an organized and orderly fashion when instructed by emergency responders. Because they have effectively prepared and anticipated the wildfire event, they are able to safely and more conveniently relocate until the wildfire threat has passed.

During the month of May, residents of Nevada's wildfire prone communities are encouraged to prepare, anticipate and learn how to effectively evacuate their home and property during a wildfire.