



Yavapai County

Emergency Management

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For Immediate Release

Arizona is very dry and we are continuously having days of high winds and low humidity. We would like to ask for your help in sharing these reminders. It is up to us and our visitors to stay safe and do what we can to reduce wildfire danger.

FIREWISE REMINDERS:

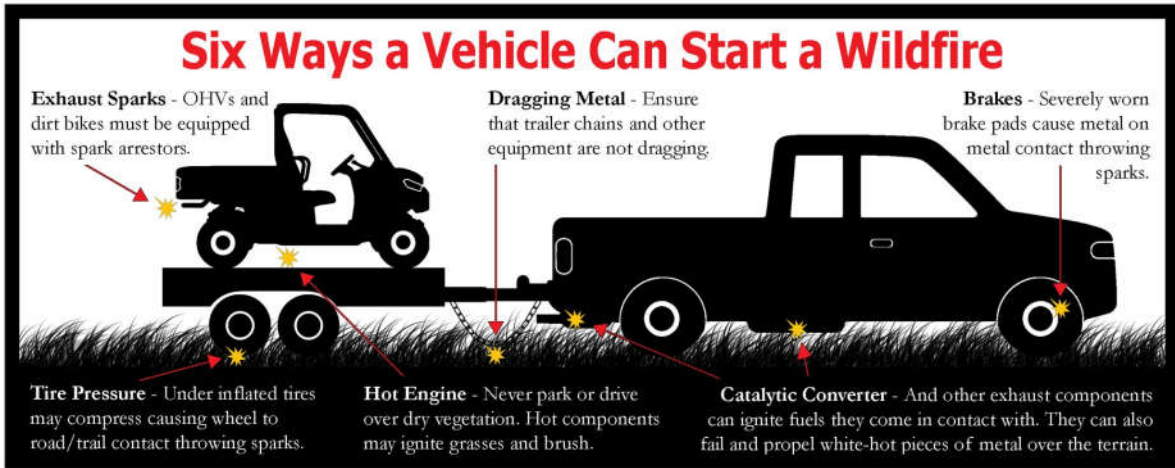
Currently all Fire Districts, Arizona State Forestry, and National Forest are under **Stage II restrictions**.

Stage II Fire Restrictions:

- 👉 **NO** burn permits will be issued-residential or commercial.
- 👉 Use of model rockets is **PROHIBITED**.
- 👉 Use of **fireworks** and other pyrotechnic displays are **PROHIBITED** except by commercial special events permit.
- 👉 **NO** smoking outside of vehicles, outside of residential yards, or outside of designated smoking areas.
- 👉 **NO** outdoor use of firearms
- 👉 Welding, cutting and grinding is **PROHIBITED** (Permission may be granted under special circumstances and repair situations as approved by the Fire Marshal).**
- 👉 Chain saws are allowed with a spark arrestor, water or fire extinguisher and a fire watch.
- 👉 Warming fires, campfires, as well as charcoal and wood burning barbecues (ember and ash producing) are **PROHIBITED** in all locations. This also **prohibits** the use of other devices that produce open flame such as tiki lamps.
- 👉 The use of propane, natural gas or other gas flame-producing barbecue cooking grills or fire pits **MAY BE USED** as long as they are constantly attended, are in an enclosed device, and can be turned off.

All unincorporated areas of the County will fall under the Yavapai County Fire Ban which prohibits all open flame and campfires.

Please pay close attending to the chains and equipment on your vehicles and trailers. One spark can quickly turn into a roadside fire and spread to neighbors.



DON'T WAIT - clean up around your properties to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire and help protect the firefighters and other emergency responders.

The Yavapai County **FREE slash** program (brush, branches, grass, leaves and yard trimmings) **ends June 1st**. County transfer stations are located in Black Canyon City, Camp Verde, Congress, Mayer, Paulden, Seligman, and Skull Valley. Free slash drop off will be held during normal operating hours. For locations and hours please visit: <http://www.yavapai.us/Portals/30/TransferStationList.pdf>

Only the following items will be accepted: brush, branches, grass, leaves and yard trimmings. Items not accepted are: lumber, stumps, roots, cactus, metal and garbage. All slash must be removed from plastic bags. This program is for residential use only. Commercial loads will not be accepted.



Home Ignition Zone: If you live next to a natural vegetation area, you should provide firefighters with the space they need to protect your home. Create a buffer zone by removing weeds, brush, and other vegetation. This helps keep the fire away from your home and reduces the risk from flying embers.

Consider This: Flammable vegetation between and around homes and outbuildings increases the risk of wildfire spreading throughout the community, endangering lives and property. Pre-fire planning, vegetation management, and sufficient breaks in vegetation allow firefighters an opportunity to keep fire from entering the community.

Did you know - wildfire embers can travel over one mile. 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. You and your home must be prepared well before a fire occurs. Ember fires can destroy homes or neighborhoods far from the actual front of the fire.

ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS?

Register with the Emergency Notification System (Code Red) at:

<http://www.ycsoaz.gov/community/emergency-preparedness/ens/>

Evacuations may be mandated by any number of events: fire, flood, hazardous materials, and earthquakes to name a few. The actual evacuation of any area is the primary responsibility of Law Enforcement.

Under extreme conditions, other agencies' staff and volunteers may assist in evacuations. Evacuation warning and recommendations are broadcast by every means available, including: radio, television, CodeRED®, weather radio, Law Enforcement and associated volunteers (VIPs, Jeep Posse, etc.), fire vehicles, public address, and door-to-door.



Evacuation Levels

- ⇒ **READY**— This notification warns residents that a major incident exists in their area. They should monitor local media outlets & web sites for information. Residents with access and functional needs should take note and begin making arrangements to evacuate. Assemble your emergency supply kit (Go Kit).
- ⇒ **SET — Be Prepared** - This notification indicates there is a significant danger to your area. Grab your Go kit. Residents should either **be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice** or voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family/friends.
- ⇒ **GO!—Mandatory** - An evacuation order indicates that danger to your area is current or imminent and you should **leave immediately**. Follow instructions from emergency personnel and listen to local media for further instructions regarding the evacuations.

DON'T WAIT! PREPARE

For additional information on the free slash program, please contact the Yavapai County Public Works Department at (928) 771-3183.

For more information about being emergency preparedness, please contact 928-771-3321 or marcie.slay@yavapai.us

Summary – Protect Your Home From Wildfire

