

YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES

EMBERS

During a wildfire, embers can travel **more than a mile** from their source and start a fire. No matter where you live, you can protect your home by taking simple steps like cleaning your gutters.



Never throw a lit cigarette out of a car window or on the ground.



Avoid dragging trailer chains.



Avoid parking on dry grass and driving through tall grass during drought.

PRESCRIBED BURNS

Not all fires are bad. Prescribed burns conducted by local and state agencies restore ecosystems and ensure they can withstand future environmental challenges, such as extended droughts.



WILDFIRE RISK

Central Texas has a unique fire risk due to its vegetation, topography, and climate. Austin-Travis County residents can find additional preparedness tips at www.wildfirecoalition.org through the **'Ready, Set, Go!'** action guide.



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PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM **WILDFIRES**

SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS AT [WARNCENTRALTEXAS.ORG](https://www.warncentraltexas.org)

THE TIME TO PREPARE IS NOW



- “Hardening” your home means making it more difficult for embers that land to start a fire
- Think about where leaves and trash collect when the wind blows and clear debris from those areas
- Keep roof and gutters clear
- Seal gaps around vents and loose shingles
- Contact your fire department for a Home Ignition Zone evaluation

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- Avoid burning trash or debris
- Do not set off fireworks
- Be cautious during outdoor hot work like welding, cutting, grinding
- Use outdoor fireplaces and pits responsibly
- Keep grills away from grass and use metal containers for ash disposal



**BE PREPARED:
IDENTIFY MULTIPLE
EVACUATION ROUTES AND
KEEP A GO-BAG WITH
ESSENTIAL ITEMS**



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