Procrastinators beware!

It's summer. It's getting hotter and drier. More fires are starting at lower elevations. Are you ready for wildfires? If you are not *quite* there, you are not alone. Here are some key items for you to focus on and share with your neighbors and community. They are part of our summer campaign, to which we will add useful information and useable social media and flyers for each month. Here's a preview and links to more information on our website.

Prep it like you mean it!

Cut it back. Clean it up. Don't wait for smoke! Mow grass, prune trees, clear bush, trim dead branches, clean out your gutters and leaves/needles off your roof! Be extra careful when you mow or weed eat with metal blades in dry grass or litter—a lot of fires start when the metal blades hit a rock and make a spark. Move wood piles **at least 30 feet** from your house, 100 feet is better.

Embers are the enemy! Stop them from attacking and invading your home.

Make your Zone 0 squeaky clean! No leaves, no plants, no boats, no mulch…nothing that can catch fire or burn within 5 feet of the base of your house or deck. Caulk the gaps (garages, windows, siding). Put in new weather stripping around your doors if you can see ANY light coming through. Embers are sneaky! Watch the CAL FIRE Home Hardening Demonstration Burn.

Don't spark a fire!

What a great time to go boating on the lake or camping with your trailer. But wrap your chains! They are automatic spark and roadside fire-making machines. Make sure they are not dragging. Beware of any equipment you use that could start a fire from a hot engine, chainsaws, welding (duh!)…to parking in tall, dry grass with a hot catalytic converter!

If you're not signed up, you're not ready! Register for emergency alert systems.

- *Sign up for CodeRED*: Ready Nevada County Emergency Alerts
- *Know your Evacuation Zone:* Ready Nevada County Evacuation Zones

You can also get help from Nevada County OES in signing up for CodeRED and finding your Zone at our free event in Pioneer Park on June 26.

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Be ready to go at a moment's notice!

Pack your Go bag – any bag or suitcase – with a few changes of clothes, medicines, toothbrush, comb, laptop, whatever else you might need if you have to leave. Get your car ready! Make sure

you always have a half a tank of gas. Stock it with some water, a little food (unless you have bears around—then put it in your Go bag!). Plan ahead to help any nearby neighbors who don't have a way to get out on their own. Maybe they don't have a car. Maybe they can't drive at night. And don't forget the pets. Have a Go bag ready for them too! A little pet food, leash, rabies license tag.

Need help … and reminders? Check out CAL FIRE's Fire Planner

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