

PREPARING FOR WILDFIRE SEASON

It would be hard for most of us to forget the 2020 Oregon wildfire season. It was one of the most destructive on record. Wildfires killed at least 11 people, burned more than 1,000,000 acres of land, and destroyed thousands of homes.

Charbonneau was under a Level 1 evacuation alert for days and residents had to deal with dangerous air quality levels. It is vital that we all stay aware of fire dangers.

The Oregon Department of Forestry's stated mission is “to protect, manage and promote stewardship of our forests” and that begins with fire prevention. This is what they ask of each of us as Oregonians: **“Make fire prevention a priority in your life by following rules and regulations and being good stewards of the land.”** Since 1941, Keep Oregon Green (<https://keeporegongreen.org/>) has been educating the public on how to prevent wildfires. Visit their excellent website to learn fire prevention tips.

Here is a review of Oregon wildfire Evacuation Levels:

- **Level 1:** Means “BE READY” for potential **evacuation**. Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area, monitor emergency services websites and local media outlets for information. ...
- **Level 2:** Means “BE SET” to **evacuate**. ...
- **Level 3:** Means “GO” **evacuate** now.

PLAN AHEAD: Have a GO BAG ready in your car at all times

(<https://www.ready.gov/kit>)

think about what is irreplaceable, have your car fueled, STAY ALERT!