

FAST Guide To Emergency Prep: **Wildfires**

The Dangers Of Wildfires

Fueled by suburban sprawl, poor forest/brush management, and a trend toward hotter, drier weather, wildfires are a growing hazard in most regions of the United States.

This guide offers tips to keep you and your employees safe before, during and after a fire.



In 2015 **wildfires burned** over **2 million acres** in the U.S.



In 2015 **4,636 buildings** were **destroyed** by wildfires.



Before A Wildfire



Create An Emergency Action Plan

Have a written plan in place in case of a fire emergency. All employees should undergo training so they understand where to go and what to do in case of an emergency.

Make An Emergency Preparedness Kit

A basic disaster supply kit will help to prepare you and your employees in the event of a fire. The kit should include supplies such as:

Flashlights

First aid kits

Non-perishable food items

Water

A Battery powered radio

Batteries



Prepare Your Facility

Create a 30' to 100' zone around your facility that is free of combustibles, debris and excess vegetation. Position hoses so they will reach around the entire building. Fill any tanks, buckets or ponds with water.

Stay Tuned

Many communities have text or email alerting systems for emergency notifications. To find out what alerts are available in your area, search the Internet with your town, city, or county name and the word "alerts."



During A Wildfire



Report It

If you see a wildfire and haven't received evacuation orders yet, call 9-1-1. Don't assume someone else has already called.

Follow Evacuation Orders

If ordered to evacuate during a wildfire, do it immediately! Make sure you and your employees tell someone where you are going and when you have arrived.



After A Wildfire



Stay Alert

For several hours after returning to your facility, maintain a "fire watch". Check and re-check for smoke, sparks or hidden embers. Evacuate immediately if you smell smoke.

Protect Yourself During Cleanup

When cleaning your facility, make sure you and your employees wear protective clothing and a NIOSH certified respirator. Wet debris down to minimize breathing in and spreading dust particles.



Capture It

Document all of the damage to your facility, equipment and inventory. Take pictures and make a list of everything that will need to be repaired or replaced.

Visit Your Local Fastenal Store

A wildfire can devastate an area in mere minutes - which is about how long it takes to stock up on fire survival basics at your local Fastenal store.

Each of our 2,600+ locations is a convenient, one-stop source for everything you'll need to minimize injury, navigate the aftermath, and get back up and running. It's local, it's simple, and it just may be the smartest purchase you'll make this year.

