

Wildfire Preparedness Checklist



Wildfires are fast-moving and unpredictable. An out-of-control fire can significantly impact your business, causing property damage, business disruptions, and supply-chain issues. Even if your business isn't in the direct path of a wildfire, your business could still suffer indirect consequences. Companies must be as prepared as possible. To learn how AccuWeather for Business can help you, contact us at afb@accuweather.com.

Before a Wildfire

- Provide training**
to company safety managers, managers, and their backups on the emergency plan and how to use fire extinguishers
- Train employees on fire safety**
and your evacuation plan and run wildfire evacuation drills
- Determine how employees will evacuate**
on foot if roads are closed because of fire or are blocked by emergency personnel
- Ensure there are enough fire extinguishers**
placed in strategic locations and they are up to date
- Maintain a water supply**
at your property to control a minor fire until emergency personnel can arrive
- Obtain a generator**
to power water pumps in the event of a power outage
- Have tools on hand**
including axes, rakes, saws, shovels, ladders, and a battery-operated radio
- Develop a plan to disseminate communication**
to employees, vendors, and clients
- Obtain backup vendors**
who wildfires may impact so your business operations and supply chain are not disrupted

During a Wildfire

- Do not stay**
and try to protect your property against the fire
- Go to a pre-designated shelter**
in the basement or the lowest level of the building, if the fire is moving too swiftly and you can not evacuate
- Close doors but leave them unlocked**
to emergency personnel can reach you; do not open windows
- Make sure to turn on all lights**
to increase visibility in thick smoke
- Use brightly-colored material or clothing**
to mark your location inside the building
- Shut off gas meters**
and propane tanks
- Move ladders against the building**
so firefighters can get roof access
- Turn on a battery-operated radio**
to get emergency information and directions

After a Wildfire

- Check the building and roof**
for any fire or hot embers. If you encounter a fire, contact 911 immediately
- Determine if the power is on**
by checking the main breaker. Sometimes, fires can cause breakers to trip. If the power isn't on, contact your utility company
- Check with your vendors and suppliers**
to see the status of their business operations