



Wildfires are a major concern!

Dollar Point has created a volunteer Dollar Point Wildfire Committee to make Dollar Point community Firewise. The fire committee is also working with the Dollar Point Association Board. Eric Horntvedt and Erin Holland of the North Tahoe Fire Department have joined the committee.

The Firewise USA® program provides a collaborative framework for neighbors to reduce wildfire risks at the local level. The national recognition program's annual criteria is designed to empower and engage residents living in wildfire prone areas with a plan and actions that can increase their home's chances of surviving a wildfire; while also making it safer for firefighters.

www.firewise.org

This Firewise program, if successful at Dollar Point, may also help protect you from having your home insurance cancelled. The program will take cooperation from everyone.



On August 1, 2019 a renter on Edgecliff Way started a dirt fire pit to make S'mores for their children. At 11:30 pm a neighbor and full-time resident noticed dangerous flames just outside her home. She went to the renter, called the Fire Department and brought out a hose. The fire department arrived at midnight to extinguish the flames.

Let's work together and individually to protect our Paradise at Dollar Point and obtain the Firewise designation. Start with creating defensible space around your home and encourage your neighbors to do the same. Chris McMaster and Talina Sky of the North Tahoe Fire Protection District will help you get started. They can be reached at 530-583-6909.

Ready... Set... Go...

Placer-alert.org Sign up for emergency alerts

Tahoe.LivingWithFire.info Sign up to receive monthly e-newsletters

Liberty Utilities. Check and update your information. Call 800-782-2506 and after you listen press #7

Wildfire Action Plan

Ready:

- Create a **Family Disaster Plan**. This should include: **meeting locations and communication plans**. Practice this regularly
- Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them
- Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric and water main shut-off controls are and how to use them
- Assemble a **go kit** with things you need
- Appoint an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact so you can communicate with family members who have relocated
- Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers posted near your phone and in your **go kit**
- Keep an extra **go kit** in your car in case you can't get to your home because of fire

Set:

- Evacuate as soon as you are set!
- Alert family and neighbors
- Dress in appropriate clothing (made of natural fibers such as cotton, and work boots). Have goggles and a dry bandana or particle mask handy
- Ensure you have your **go kit** that includes all necessary items such as a battery powered radio, spare batteries, emergency contact numbers, and plenty of drinking water
- Shut all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked
- Shut off gas at the meter
- Leave your lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions
- Turn off propane tanks
- Don't leave sprinklers or water running – these waste critical water pressure
- Leave exterior lights on
- Patrol your property and extinguish small fires until you leave

Stop: If you are Trapped

- Shelter away from outside walls
- Patrol inside your home for spot fires and extinguish them
- Wear long sleeves and long pants made of natural fibers such as cotton
- Stay hydrated
- Fill sinks and tubs for an emergency water supply
- Place wet towels under doors to keep smoke and embers out
- After the fire has passed, check your roof and extinguish fires, sparks, and embers

Go:

- Leave early enough to avoid being caught in fire, smoke, or road congestion. Don't wait to be told by authorities to leave. In an intense wildfire they may not have time to knock on every door. If you are advised to leave, don't hesitate!
- Leave to a predetermined location (a low risk area, such as a well-prepared neighbor or relatives house, a Red Cross shelter, evacuation center, motel, etc.)
- Have several travel routes in case one route is blocked by the fire or emergency vehicles and equipment. Choose an escape route away from the fire
- Take your **go kit** containing your family and pet's necessary items.

Go Kit Necessities

- Three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day)
- Non-perishable food for all family members and pets (three day supply)
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight, battery powered radio, and extra batteries
- Important family documents and contact numbers
- Prescriptions or special medications
- Family Photos and irreplaceable items
- Personal computers (for desktop take hard drives and disks)
- Chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.

Keep an old pair of shoes and a flashlight handy in case of a sudden evacuation at night!

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