

# Wildfire LOOKOUT!



- Wildfires are a **frequent and significant hazard** across Hawaii.
- Wildfires impact drinking water, coral reefs, fisheries, recreation, traffic, native forests, and human lives, homes, safety, and health! These are under publicized and need attention. Spread the word!
- Nearly all wildfires **are started by people**.
- Taking **simple steps** around your home, yard, and community can **protect you and your family**.



## HELP DO YOUR PART BY PREVENTING WILDFIRE



Clear vegetation 10 feet around campfires and BBQs, keep a shovel and water nearby, and put them out COLD before walking away.



Be sure machinery (chainsaws, weed trimmers) and recreational vehicles have operating spark arrestors and are maintained regularly.



Heat from vehicle exhaust systems can ignite dry grass - park cars on areas that are paved or where vegetation is trimmed and cleared.



Fireworks are a common cause of brushfires in dry, grassy areas - attend and enjoy public fireworks displays to maximize safety and fire protection.

**Avoid these activities when it's windy or grass and brush are dry!**

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# 14 **EASY** Wildfire Preparedness Action Ideas

## Harden Your Home

- Clear leaves and debris from gutters and roof
- Maintain 6 inches between siding and ground
- Cover eaves and vents with 1/8" mesh
- Clear combustible materials next to and under home and lanai
- Protect windows - clear vegetation, close them when the fire comes

**Do your part  
and share!**  
Submit photos and stories  
of your wildfire  
preparedness actions.  
**#WildfireReadyHI**

## Lighten Your Landscape

- Create defensible space within 100 feet of home or up to boundary line
- Keep grass short
- Keep tree branches high off ground
- Clear brush and leaf piles

## Plan Ahead

- Create and practice a family evacuation plan
- Include assisting neighbors with special needs in your evacuation plans
- Make sure fire vehicles and personnel can defend your home from all sides
- Make sure hydrants, pools, and water tanks are accessible
- Work with your neighbors or community association to become better prepared for wildfire. Examples: Gather a group of volunteers to clear weeds along subdivision boundaries or in communal areas, invite HWMO to offer a community Firewise workshop, or gather neighbors to discuss and address wildfire safety

**Submit your photos and stories: *#WildfireReadyHI* for a chance to be highlighted in a future Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization newsletter.**

### 3 Categories:

**Personal:** Clean your yard or prepare your family!

**Environment:** Protect Hawaii's natural resources at an outdoor volunteer event near you!

**Community:** Organize a neighborhood Firewise project or awareness effort!

#### For more information:

- Ready, Set, Go! Hawaii Wildland Fire Action Guide (Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization)

<http://www.hawaiiwildfire.org/fire-resource-library-blog/rsg-your-personal-wildland-fire-action-guide>

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