

For Fire or Emergency - CALL "911"
Sheriff non-emergency tel:830.896.1257
Burn Ban Hotline (830) 315-BURN or <https://www.kerrcountytexas.gov/#gsc.tab=0>

Canyon Springs Ranch Firewise information

KERR COUNTY CODE RED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Kerr County has implemented an emergency notification system named CODE RED. If you would like to be notified of an emergency situation effecting your Kerr County business or residence you should [sign up for CODE RED.](#) Examples could include: severe weather, evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports. The information will only be used for emergency notification purposes.

Get "911" blue reflective address signs: This "911" sign is how the EMS and Fire Personnel find your home. Call the KerrCo "911" office at 830.896.1257

Every year, devastating wildfires burn across the United States. At the same time, a growing number of people are living where wildfires are a real risk. While these fires will continue to happen, there are things you can do to protect your home and neighborhood as well as your family's safety. The Firewise USA® program is here to help you get started. [The national Firewise USA® recognition program](#) provides a collaborative framework to help neighbors in a geographic area get organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community and to reduce wildfire risks at the local level.

Wildfire

NFPA's Wildfire Division provides resources to residents and stakeholders to help ensure that everyone living at risk from wildfire has the information, knowledge, and tools to reduce their risk. Every year, wildfires burn across the United States, and a growing number of people are living where wildfires are a real risk. In 2018 more than 58,000 fires burned nearly nine million acres across the U.S. More than 25,000 structures were destroyed, including 18,137 residences and 229 commercial structures. California accounted for the highest number of structures lost in one state due to the number of significant fires, including the Mendocino Complex, Carr, Camp and Woolsey fires.

Preparing homes for wildfire

Research around home destruction vs. home survival in wildfires point to embers and small flames as the main way that the majority of homes ignite in wildfires. Embers are burning pieces of airborne wood and/or vegetation that can be carried more than a mile through the wind can cause spot fires and ignite homes, debris and other objects. There are methods for homeowners to prepare their homes to withstand ember attacks and minimize the likelihood of flames or surface fire touching the home or any

attachments. Experiments, models and post-fire studies have shown homes ignite due to the condition of the home and everything around it, up to 200' from the foundation. This is called the Home Ignition Zone (HIZ). [Understanding the Wildfire Threat to Homes](#)

Wildfire preparedness tips

Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. Nearly 45 million homes abut or intermingle with wildlands and more than 72,000 U.S. communities are now at risk. But by working together residents can make their own property - and their neighborhood - much safer from wildfire.

Staying safe

With proper preparedness, you can help keep your family safe from fire. Two easy steps you can take are: Testing the smoke alarms in your house, and creating and practicing a fire escape plan. Here you will find tips on everything from safety in living and entertainment spaces to pet wildfire evacuation.

What is the Ready, Set, Go! Program?

Get prepared for wildfire before it strikes by following Ready, Set, Go!

Be sure to watch the 3 videos on the Prepare for Wildfire Home page.

- Be **Ready**: Create and maintain defensible space and harden your home against flying embers.
- Get **Set**: Prepare your family and home ahead of time for the possibility of having to evacuate. Ensure you have a plan of what to take and where to go – evacuation plans will be different this year due to COVID-19. Ask friends or relatives outside your area if you would be able to stay with them, should the need arise. If you do need to evacuate and plan to stay with friends or relatives, ask first if they have symptoms of COVID-19 or have people in their home at higher risk for serious illness. If that is the case, make other arrangements. Check with hotels, motels and campgrounds to learn if they are open. Also get set by learning about your community's response plan for each disaster and determine if these plans have been adapted because of COVID-19.
- Be Ready to **GO!**: When wildfire strikes, go early for your safety. Take the evacuation steps necessary to give your family and home the best chance of surviving a wildfire.

KERR COUNTY Burn Ban/Outdoor Burning Information

Information about Texas and Kerr County burning laws, rules and regulations. Worth your time reading if you plan to burn.

For questions concerning the burn ban in Kerr County, contact your precinct's commissioner at 830-792-2215.

The get up-to-date information on the county's burn ban, call either of these hotlines:
830-792-HEAT (4328) or 830-315-BURN (2876)