

# Emergency Prep Newsletter - Draper Utah Suncrest Stake

June 2021

## June: WILDFIRE Prep

**Even Capt Marvel can't save your home from a WILDFIRE, but YOU can!!**

In 2021 Utah is experiencing severe drought conditions and this summer season is predicted to be a very dry, hot weather pattern.

Here are some helpful and urgent tasks you can prepare your family and home from a wild fire

1. **NO FIREWORKS in Suncrest** – educate children on fireworks being prohibited this holiday season
2. **FAMILY/BLOCK COMMUNICATION DRILL** – Ask your bishop about the Ward Communication Plan and the location of the Ward Command Post
3. **HOME IGNITION ZONES** - To increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire, choose fire-resistant building materials and limit the amount of flammable vegetation in the three home ignition zones. The zones include the Immediate Zone: (0 to 5 feet around the house), the Intermediate Zone (5 to 30 feet), and the Extended Zone (30 to 100 feet).
4. **LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE** - To reduce ember ignitions and fire spread, trim branches that overhang the home, porch, and deck and prune branches of large trees up to 6 to 10 feet (depending on their height) from the ground. Remove plants containing resins, oils, and waxes. Use crushed stone or gravel instead of flammable mulches in the Immediate Zone (0 to 5 feet around the house). Keep your landscape in good condition.
5. **ROOFING AND VENTS** - Class A fire-rated roofing products, such as composite shingles, metal, concrete, and clay tiles, offer the best protection. Inspect shingles or roof tiles and replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration. Box in eaves, but provide ventilation to prevent condensation and mildew. Roof and attic vents should be screened to prevent ember entry.
6. **DECKS AND PORCHES** - Never store flammable materials underneath decks or porches. Remove dead vegetation and debris from under decks and porches and between deck board joints.
7. **SIDING AND WINDOWS** - Embers can collect in small nooks and crannies and ignite combustible materials; radiant heat from flames can crack windows. Use fire-resistant siding such as brick, fibercement, plaster, or stucco, and use dual-pane tempered glass windows
8. **SEE ATTACHED document** – BE PREPARED – Emergency Responder Access

Order a Reducing Wildfire Risks in the Home Ignition Zone checklist/poster at [Firewise.org](http://Firewise.org)



## Stake Emergency Prep Calendar

### Monthly Focus

- June 2021 – WILDFIRE Prep
- July 2021 – After the Disaster
- August 2021 – Water Storage
- September 2021 – Get Trained
- October 2021 – Emergency Prep Fair
- Nov 2021 – Food Storage I
- Dec 2021 – Family Emergency Plan
- Jan 2022 – 72 Hour Emergency Kit
- Feb 2022 – Communications
- March 2022 – Sanitation
- April 2022 – Earthquake Prep
- May 2022 – Food Storage II

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## Helpful Websites - Emergency Prep

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)  
[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)  
[www.dem.utah.gov](http://www.dem.utah.gov)  
[www.emergency.cdc.gov](http://www.emergency.cdc.gov)

(American Red Cross)  
(Federal Emergency Management Agency)  
(Utah Division of Emergency Management)  
(Center of Disease Control and Prevention)