

# Take action against wildfires, together.



Wildfires happen across Mountrail and Williams counties, and preparedness matters more than ever. Protecting your family, home, and land starts with simple steps you can take today. By staying alert and proactive, you can help reduce risks for yourself and support the safety of our community.

**Use the checklist below to get you and your loved ones ready before wildfire season begins.**

## Make an emergency plan

Proactive planning takes just a few moments and helps ensure you have clear next steps if wildfires occur. The [American Red Cross](#) and [Ready.gov](#) recommend:

- Talk with your friends and family about what to do if a wildfire happens
- Establish evacuation routes and a designated meeting place
- Create a “go” bag with important essentials
- Identify trusted contacts outside the area

### Your “Go” bag should include:



**Water**  
One gallon per person per day



**First aid kit**



**Phone chargers**



**Food**  
Non-perishable  
Several-day supply



**Change of clothing**



**Pet food**



**Medications**



**Essential documents**

## Prepare your home and property

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Taking a few actions at home ahead of wildfire season can increase the safety of your property. [Ready.gov](#) recommends:

- Clear leaves, mulch, pine needles, and debris from roofs and gutters
- Create at least 30 feet of “defensible space” by trimming trees and shrubs near your home
- Ensure your driveway and access points are clear for emergency responders
- Report potential hazards on your property that could affect power lines

## Stay Informed

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Wildfire alerts will always first be issued by federal and local public safety authorities.

- Sign up for alerts through the [National Weather Service](#) and [FEMA](#)
- Follow your county’s emergency management and fire department updates
- Check [ND Response](#) for burn restrictions and fire danger maps before starting a fire



Your co-op is working year-round to strengthen our system against wildfire risks, and together we can help keep our community safe and resilient. Get prepared and stay informed today.

**For more detailed guidance, visit  
[mwec.com/wildfireprep](http://mwec.com/wildfireprep)**