

Wildfire preparedness: It's a shared responsibility

Hot, dry summer days are here—and so is wildfire season in the Willamette Valley. At EWEB, we're doing our part to reduce wildfire risks and build a more resilient electric system. But we all have a role to play.

WHAT EWEB IS DOING

Keeping our employees and community safe is a top priority. We embed resilience into our long-term priorities, infrastructure plans, workforce development, budgets, and organizational goals. **In April, EWEB's Board approved our 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan, building on the plan we began in 2022.** With more intense wildfire seasons—like last year's record 1.4 million acres burned in Oregon—we're taking steps to mitigate risk and improve electric system resilience.



Key improvements in EWEB's updated Wildfire Mitigation Plan include:

- ✓ Using AI and satellite tools to spot areas where trees need trimming near power lines.
- ✓ Improving how we identify high fire-risk areas with better data and modeling.
- ✓ Installing a new weather station near Blanton Heights to improve fire forecasts.
- ✓ Upgrading equipment in high-risk areas to reduce the chance of sparks and speed up response time.
- ✓ Offering support programs for customers in high-risk zones who rely on power for medical devices or mobility.

We also worked with a wildfire modeling expert to run more than 11 million fire simulations, helping us better understand where the biggest risks are—and where to focus next.

Learn more at eweb.org/wildfire.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Wildfire safety, like all emergency preparedness, begins at home. In Oregon, people are the cause of more than 60% of wildfires. Taking steps now helps protect your home, your loved ones, and our entire community. **Here are three simple steps to take today:**

1 Create Defensible Space
Keep the area around your home clear of dry grass, brush, and debris. Embers can travel miles ahead of a wildfire—keeping things trimmed could make all the difference.

2 Be Informed. Make a Plan.
Talk with your family. Know how you'll evacuate, where you'll go, and what each person needs.

Pack the Six P's:

- People & Pets
- Prescriptions
- Phones & Chargers
- Plastic (credit cards/cash)
- Papers (IDs, documents)
- Personal electronics

3 Sign up for Lane County Emergency Alerts so you can act fast when every second counts.



WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS: CREATING DEFENSIBLE SPACE



ZONE 1 (0-5 feet)

Remove plants touching your house or outbuildings, remove debris that could lead to ignition from embers, do not stack wood in Zone 1. Choose gravel over wood chips for landscaping.

ZONE 2 (5-30 feet)

Trees should be spaced 10 feet away from buildings and other trees. Keep grass mowed under four inches. Incorporate fire resistant plants in landscaping. Store propane tanks 30 feet away from buildings.

ZONE 3 (30-100 feet)

Remove tree needles, leaves and mulch from undergrowth. Trees should be spaced 10 feet from power lines. For trees over 18 feet tall, remove branches six feet from the ground.

Know Before You Go

Planning to camp? Fire restrictions often change. Before you build a campfire, check with local land managers or visit keeporegongreen.org for fire safety tips.

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