

## **Santa Fe County Wildfire Preparedness 285ALL Neighbors**

We are still in an extreme drought and wildfire precautions and weather alerts are vital for us all to pay attention to

### **Wildfire:**

The simplest way to keep up with all NM new wildfire alerts is to sign up with EMNRD - State Forestry "Wildfire Announcements" - link below to Wildfire Announcements - enter name-email-zip code-county. Takes 2 minutes. They send the announcements to your email inbox.

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SFD/FireMgt/FireAnnouncements.html>

### **High Winds:**

Reminder- high wind wildfires can consume an acre/per second. If you get an alert within 5-10 miles from your home - think about evacuating and have an evacuation route and essential personal records & packed supplies prepared. Also, plan for any pets or livestock. Smoke from 5 miles or less is unhealthy to breathe for any prolonged period, so postpone outdoor activities.

### **Flash Flooding:**

Flooding can occur during the monsoon season.

Reminder: 1' of moving water can make a car float and sweep a person off his feet.  
On flooded roads: "Turn around - Don't drown"

## **Basic Steps for your Safety**

1. Sign up for **Alert Santa Fe**, especially with a landline phone number, if you have one, because cell services can be a problem in emergency situations.  
Get a desktop Weather Alert Radio set to the Tesuque Peak Transmitter frequency.
2. Have a family preparedness discussion and a plan to include a family muster point away from the home, communication backup in case cell services are not available and a key point of contact (family member or friend) that lives outside the immediate area.
3. Make a list of irreplaceable items that can be easily collected and taken with you as you evacuate and always have a vehicle that has at least a half a tank or more of gas.
4. Develop a defensible home perimeter (30' from home keep cleared and watered, 100' remove fine burnables and dead vegetation) and have a list of what to do to prepare and secure your home in case of an evacuation.
5. Keep gates, doors and windows unlocked so firefighters do not have to force entry.
6. Have evacuation plan and supplies ready for all pets and livestock.