

FLORIDA WILDFIRES

PROTECT YOUR HEALTH DURING A WILDFIRE

If you live in an area with a high wildfire risk, it is essential to take steps now to be prepared. This is especially important for the health and safety of children, older adults, and individuals with heart or lung disease.



BEFORE A WILDFIRE



Know Your Risks

- If a family member has a heart or lung condition, including asthma, consult a health care provider about managing their condition during smoke-related events. Having additional medication for chronic conditions or identifying a place to temporarily relocate during a wildfire event can reduce health risks and limit smoke exposure.



Stay Informed

- Know how you will receive alerts and health warnings. Sources include air quality reports, public service announcements, and social media updates about high fire risks or active fires.
- Know your forest area supervisor and follow local authorities for wildfire prevention, safety guidance, and information on active fires. Learn more at **FDACS.gov**



Purchase a Portable Air Cleaner

- Buy a portable air cleaner to have on-hand to use if needed.
- Look for a unit with high-efficiency HEPA filters that will remove any particulate matter and is appropriately sized for the room you plan to use as a clean-air space.



Optimize Your Home's Air System

- Consult an air conditioning professional to determine if a high-efficiency filter is available for your home's HVAC system.
- Learn how to close the fresh-air intake on your HVAC or stand-alone room air conditioner to ensure you're not taking in any outdoor air during smoke events.



Create a Clean Room

- Choose a room in your home to serve as a clean-air sanctuary. Select one with no fireplace and as few windows and doors as possible (e.g., bedroom or bathroom).
- Use a portable air cleaner in the room.



Organize Important Items

- Gather and organize financial and personal documents ahead of time.
- Identify evacuation routes and plan where to go, if an evacuation becomes necessary.
- Include your children in your preparation process, so they are aware of any precautions they need to take.
- Create an emergency plan for your pets and ensure they are able to evacuate with you should the need arise.



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