



# Community Flyers

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**VENTURA COUNTY FIRE**

## WILDFIRE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

*How to better protect your home and property*

Home and building loss during wildfires occur from one or more of the three basic wildfire exposures: 1) Embers, 2) Radiant heat, and 3) Direct flame contact. Burning embers can travel up to a mile from the fire front and cause the majority of wildfire home ignition.

Property owners and residents can reduce the risk of damage and loss by taking the additional steps listed in this brochure. Fire season length can vary. Maintenance of your home and property should be a year-round. Start with your home and then work your way outwards through the defensible space zone.

### HARDENING AND MAINTAINING YOUR HOME

Many older homes were built before increased building standards in hazardous fire areas were adopted. "Home Hardening" refers to making improvements and upgrades to the most current building standards for fire areas. While some items are very expensive to retrofit, there are items that can be done very simply:

**Roofs and Gutters:**

Roofs, even cement and mission style, require maintenance. Roofs settle over a period of time as the lumber dries out. This can cause small gaps to form in the tile spacing and trap debris which can ignite under the tiles. Asphalt shingles can curl or be displaced.

- Inspect your roof to eliminate any areas that can trap debris.
- Block any spaces between roof decking and covering to prevent ember intrusion.
- Clean valleys and gutters regularly.
- Remove all tree branches or vegetation within 3-feet to the side, above, and below the roof or any eave projection from the exterior wall of the structure.
- Consider replacing a non-rated roof with a Class A rated non-combustible roof.



4. VCFD Wildfire Property Assessment



## READY, SET, GO!

Wildfires are now a year-round reality in Ventura County. This means that everyone should be on heightened alert for the threat of wildfire at all times.

The award-winning national Ready, Set, Go! wildfire action plan sums up as follows:

GET READY!	GET SET!	GO!
<b>Get Ready!</b> To prepare your family...	<b>Get Set!</b> As the fire approaches...	<b>Go!</b> Get out early and stay out!
• Create a disaster plan • Register your phone number at <a href="http://www.vcalert.org">www.vcalert.org</a> or text "VCALERT" to 273327 • Assemble an emergency supply kit • Follow up on text "VCALERT" to go to <a href="http://VCS.org">VCS.org</a> for incident info	• Dress in appropriate clothing • Ensure that you have your emergency supply kit on hand • Stay tuned to your TV, local radio stations, social media or VCS.org • Pick up the car and back it in to the driveway for a fast exit	• Leave early enough to avoid being caught in fire, smoke or road congestion • Go to a predetermined location out of the area • Have several travel routes • Take your emergency supply kit • Leave your house unlocked

To download the full Ready, Set, Go! plan booklet, visit: [vcfd.org/public-info/ready-set-go](http://vcfd.org/public-info/ready-set-go) or scan the QR code



5. Ready, Set, Go! VCFD



## VC ALERT

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

VC ALERT is an emergency notification system for Ventura County residents that may be used to alert you if there is an emergency in your community. Register your home or business address, landline, cell phone, email, and TTY device to receive emergency alerts. Alerts will be sent in both English and Spanish.

### HOW IT WORKS

EMERGENCY VC ALERT SENT TAKE ACTION

**TO REGISTER**

- INTERNET** - Go to [www.vcalert.org](http://www.vcalert.org). Create a profile and manage your preferences.
- E-MAIL** - [vc.alert@ventura.org](mailto:vc.alert@ventura.org)
- MOBILE APP** - Download the Everbridge App from your iOS or Android Device. Click on "Find an Organization or Subscription", type "VC Alert" in the search bar, click on "Ventura County, CA-VC Alert Emergency Notification System".
- MAIL** - Mail to Ventura County Sheriff's DES at 800 South Victoria Ave. #3450, Ventura, CA 93009.
- PHONE** - Call 805-648-9283

Need to change the contact for the phone number for receiving emergency alerts. The County of Ventura is not responsible for any charges that may be incurred as a result of changing these alerts.

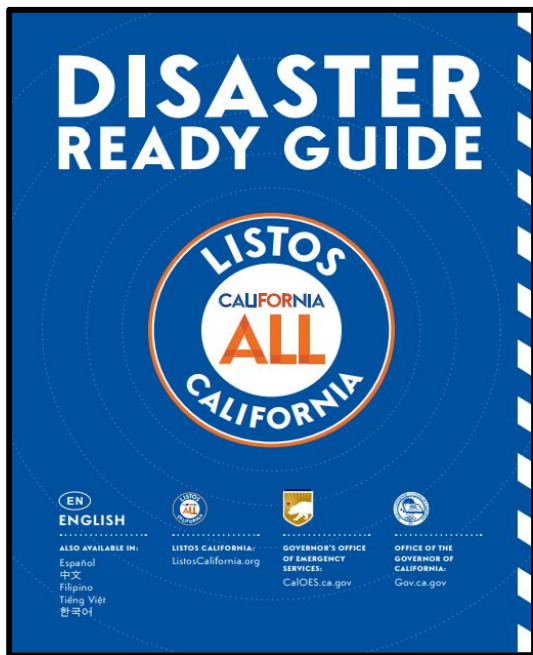
VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF  
Emergency Services



6. VC Alert Brochure (Spanish Language on Back)

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**DISASTER READY GUIDE**

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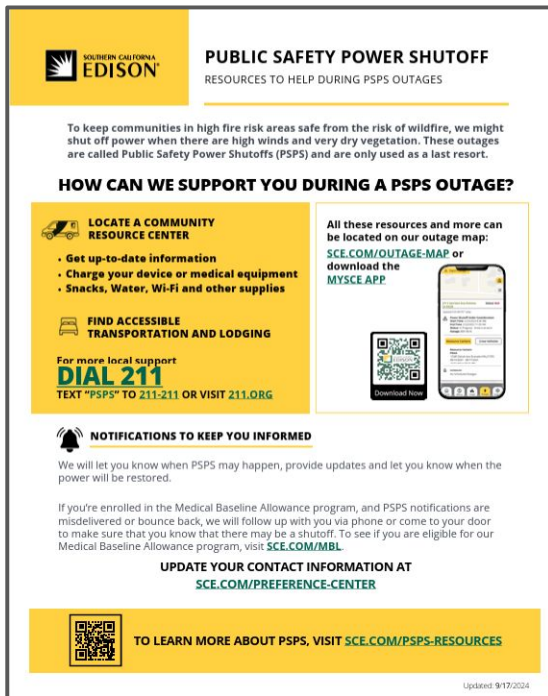
ENGLISH  
Español  
中文  
Tiếng Việt  
한국어

LISTOS CALIFORNIA: [ListosCalifornia.org](http://ListosCalifornia.org)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES: [CalOES.ca.gov](http://CalOES.ca.gov)

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA: [Gov.ca.gov](http://Gov.ca.gov)

7. Disaster Ready Guide Packet contact list, how-to pack a go bag (Maximum 50, Spanish Available)



**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON**

**PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF**  
RESOURCES TO HELP DURING PSPS OUTAGES

To keep communities in high fire risk areas safe from the risk of wildfire, we might shut off power when there are high winds and very dry vegetation. These outages are called Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) and are only used as a last resort.

**HOW CAN WE SUPPORT YOU DURING A PSPS OUTAGE?**

**LOCATE A COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER**

- Get up-to-date information
- Charge your device or medical equipment
- Snacks, Water, Wi-Fi and other supplies

**FIND ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION AND LODGING**

For more local support **DIAL 211**  
TEXT "PSPS" TO 211-211 OR VISIT 211.ORG

**NOTIFICATIONS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED**

We will let you know when PSPS may happen, provide updates and let you know when the power will be restored.

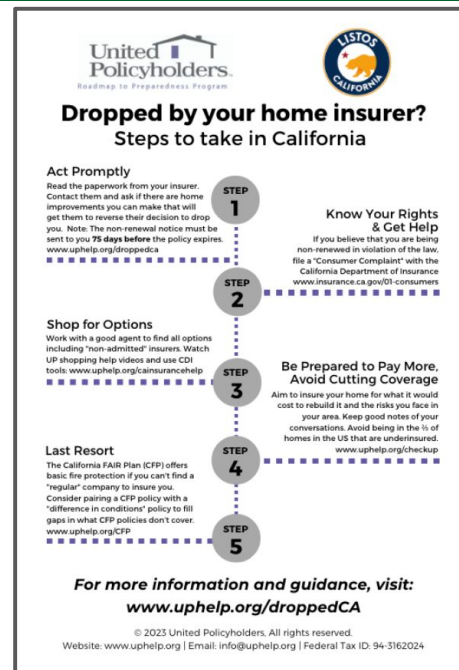
If you're enrolled in the Medical Baseline Allowance program, and PSPS notifications are misdelivered or bounce back, we will follow up with you via phone or come to your door to make sure that you know that there may be a shutoff. To see if you are eligible for our Medical Baseline Allowance program, visit [SCE.COM/MBL](http://SCE.COM/MBL)

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AT**  
[SCE.COM/PREFERENCE-CENTER](http://SCE.COM/PREFERENCE-CENTER)

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PSPS, VISIT [SCE.COM/PSPS-RESOURCES](http://SCE.COM/PSPS-RESOURCES)**

Updated: 9/17/2024

8. SCE Power Safety Shutoff



**United Policyholders**  
Roadmap to Preparedness Program

**LISTOS CALIFORNIA**

**Dropped by your home insurer?**  
Steps to take in California

**Act Promptly**  
Read the paperwork from your insurer. Contact them and ask if there are home improvements you can make that will get them to reverse their decision to drop you. Note: The non-renewal notice must be sent to you **75 days before** the policy expires. [www.uphelp.org/droppedca](http://www.uphelp.org/droppedca)

**STEP 1**  
Know Your Rights & Get Help  
If you believe that you are being non-renewed in violation of the law, file a "Consumer Complaint" with the California Department of Insurance [www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers](http://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers)

**STEP 2**

**Shop for Options**  
Work with a good agent to find all options including "non-admitted" insurers. Watch UP shopping help videos and use CDI tools: [www.uphelp.org/insurancehelp](http://www.uphelp.org/insurancehelp)

**STEP 3**  
Be Prepared to Pay More, Avoid Cutting Coverage  
Aim to insure your home for what it would cost to rebuild it and the risks you face in your area. Keep good notes of your conversations. Avoid being in the 1/3 of homes in the US that are underinsured. [www.uphelp.org/homeup](http://www.uphelp.org/homeup)

**STEP 4**

**Last Resort**  
The California FAIR Plan (CFP) offers basic fire protection if you can't find a "regular" company to insure you. Consider pairing a CFP policy with a "difference in conditions" policy to fill gaps in what CFP policies don't cover. [www.uphelp.org/CFP](http://www.uphelp.org/CFP)

**STEP 5**

**For more information and guidance, visit:**  
[www.uphelp.org/droppedCA](http://www.uphelp.org/droppedCA)

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9. United Policyholders Insurance resources (Available in Spanish/ Disponible en Español)

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Request to borrow A-frame and get flyers here: <https://wkf.ms/46WKfD8>



Request to borrow up to 1 week

## 9. A Frame

1 available.

(1 month advance notice. Availability varies, not guaranteed)

## 10. Firewise Event Poster

For A frame only

# NFPA Free Flyers

NFPA Free Flyers: You can request the NFPA's below 3 Firewise Flyers here:  
<https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/wildfire/firewise-usa#brochures>

