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Are you prepared for wildfire?

October 2017



October 19th 7-8 p.m. radio show

How could so many homes and businesses have burned so quickly in the October 2017 Northern California wildfires? Answer: weather played a large role in these fires and generated a firestorm of embers that ignited grass, shrubs, trees and anything else in its pathway. These embers likely lodged in the small spaces and openings of homes and buildings. While the landscape can be the fuse, homes really can be the most burnable part of the landscape.



Are you ready for wildfire?

How prepared are you for wildfire? Humboldt County residents are invited to participate in an upcoming series of wildfire preparedness [workshops](#) to address wildfire risks. Information will be shared about wildfire ignition reduction and preparedness, fire protection services, and the Humboldt County [Community Wildfire Protection Plan \(CWPP\)](#).

The workshop series will include 14 community events planned to take place

Please join Yana Valachovic as she hosts [KHSU's Thursday Night Talk](#) from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on October 19th at 90.5 FM, where she and her guests will talk about why the north state and southern Oregon saw so much fire this year and what lessons we can learn to become better prepared.

If you can't join the show consider reviewing [home design and fire performance](#) and the relationship of near home [vegetation](#) and building survival. A common location for the embers to enter a house is through the attic venting or HVAC systems, distributing little coals into the buildings.

community events planned to take place throughout Humboldt County from late October through early December, beginning on October 26, 2017 in Kneeland. More information can be found on the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council [website](#) and in the [Living with Wildfire in NW California](#) magazine.

Emergency alerts are an important part of your preparedness. Del Norte residents can sign up [here](#) to receive alerts, and Humboldt residents can sign up [here](#).

And if you would like to gain some tips about **fire planning and evacuation**, review this quick [checklist](#) of simple things you can do to prepare to evacuate and protect your home.



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