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Dear Cloverdale Community members and Businesses:

Subject: **Preparing for the Upcoming Wildfire Season**

As we approach warmer weather, the risk of wildfires increases significantly, making it imperative for our community to prepare and stay vigilant! With the wellbeing of our residents and their properties in mind, this letter serves to provide you with essential guidelines on how to prepare your homes and protect your families from potential wildfire threats.

The Cloverdale Police Department in partnership with the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce developed the Cloverdale Wildfire Community Evacuation Plan also known as CloveReady to enable our community to have a strong understanding of the steps you can take before and during a mandatory evacuation to protect the health and wellbeing of their household, staff, clients, and neighbors. Please visit [CloveReady](https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/defensible-space) now to help you prepare for the next emergency. You are also recommended to sign up to receive [Nixle Alerts](#) from the Cloverdale Police Department to ensure you receive the latest emergency information.

Please consider the following bullet points as a checklist to ensure your preparedness for the wildfire season:

- ✦ **Maintain a Defensible Space:** Create a 30 to 100-foot safety zone around your home. In this area, you can take steps such as removing flammable vegetation, keeping grass cut short, and spacing trees at least 10 feet apart. Visit www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/defensible-space to learn how to protect your home from wildfire.
- ✦ **Use Fire-Resistant Materials:** When possible, use non-combustible materials for roof construction and siding. This can include class A shingles, metal, cement, and brick. Learn more at www.resilientlandscapescoalition.org
- ✦ **Clear Roof and Gutters:** Regularly clean your roof and gutters to remove leaves, debris, and pine needles that could catch embers.
- ✦ **Install Protective Screens:** Place 1/8-inch mesh screens over vents, eaves, and under decks to prevent embers from entering your home. Learn about low-cost home hardening improvements at youtu.be/tr-ciY3W9Ck
- ✦ **Create an Emergency Plan and Kit:** Establish a family emergency plan, including evacuation routes. Also, prepare an emergency supply kit with necessary items such as N95 masks, important documents, medications, and food and water for several days.



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- ✦ Prepare for Evacuation: Be ready to evacuate when advised by officials. Have a plan for pets and livestock and arrange a meeting point for family members in case of separation. To learn more about Evacuation Zones in Cloverdale, visit: <https://www.cloverdale.net/465/CloveReady-Emergency-Preparedness-Plan>
- ✦ Stay Informed: Sign up for local [Nixle alerts](#) and monitor weather reports and fire updates regularly. Always follow directives from local authorities during high-risk conditions.
- ✦ Practice Fire-Safe Landscaping: Use fire-resistant plants and shrubs, and regularly water your garden to keep vegetation from becoming fuel. Visit [Firewise Communities in Sonoma County | Fire Safe Sonoma](#)
- ✦ Work as a Community: Reach out to neighbors to ensure everyone is informed and prepared. Organize community meetings to discuss plans and encourage fire safety practices. For more information about training on how to prepare for and respond to disasters visit: <https://www.nosococert.org/>.

Your proactive actions can make a significant difference in reducing the risk and impact of wildfires in our community. Together, by following these steps, we can help protect our homes, families, and the beautiful environment that surrounds us.

The CAL fire website has a number of informational resources to prepare residents for wildfires such as How to prepare yourself, prepare your property, and prepare for evacuation: <https://readyforwildfire.org>.

To obtain information that is specific to Cloverdale, be sure to visit the [CloveReady Emergency Preparedness Plan | Cloverdale, CA - Official Website](#) where you'll find your Evacuation Zone for any broadcasts or instructions that might be issued for your area.

Thank you for taking the time to review this important matter. Your dedication to fire safety not only safeguards your property but also contributes to the well-being of our entire Cloverdale community.

Stay safe, prepared, and vigilant.

Respectfully,

Cloverdale Police Chief Chris Parker