

# HOW WILL WILDFIRES IMPACT OAKLAND?



## WILDFIRE RISK

The warming trends of climate change will increase the risk of wildfires and will have direct impact on the health of Oakland residents

READ MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR RISK TO WILDFIRE



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DRY, WARMER TEMPERATURE WILL INCREASE THE PROBABILITY OF WILDFIRE. WILDFIRE CAN CAUSE:

- PROPERTY LOSS AND DAMAGE
- POOR AIR QUALITY THROUGHOUT OAKLAND, NOT ONLY WHERE THE FIRE IS OCCURRING
- RESPIRATORY DISEASES
- LOSS OF LIFE

Fold out this factsheet and learn more about ways to prevent property loss and injury

## LESSONS FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCE OAKLAND FIRE STORM OF 1991

Conditions: Dry, northeasterly winds

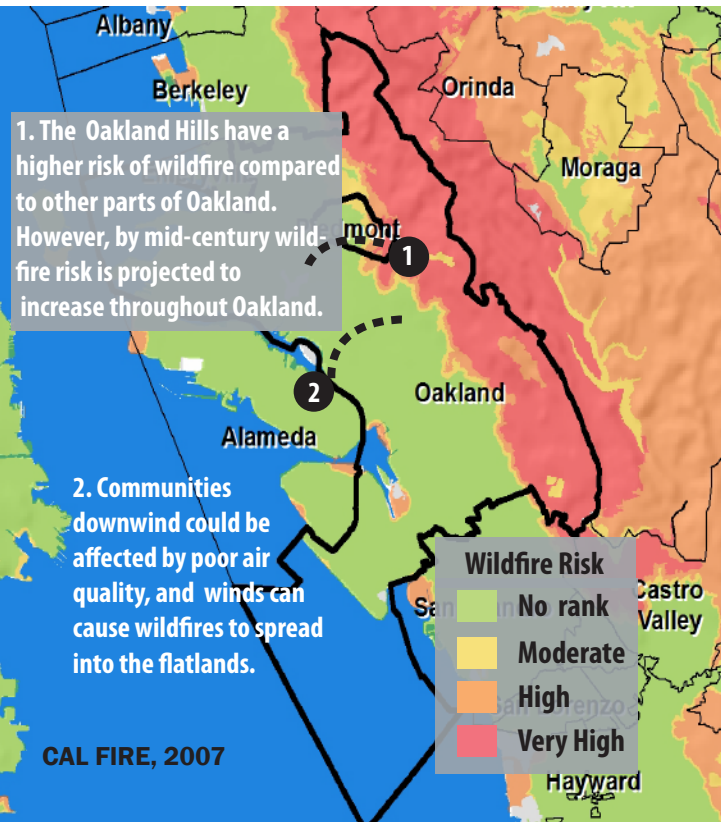
Land covered: 1,520 acres

Damages: 3,354 single family homes and 437 apartment units destroyed

Fatalities: 25

Injured: 150

Economic loss: \$1.7 billion



## WHO DO I CALL IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY? Life Threatening call 911

### Other Emergency Contacts

Alameda County Office of Emergency Services	925.803.7800
Alameda County Poison Control	1800.523.2222
American Red Cross	510.595.4400
City of Oakland Fire Dispatch	510.444.1616
City of Oakland Police Dispatch	510.777.3211
City of Oakland Office of Emergency Services	510.238.3938
EBMUD	510.835.3000
PG&E	1800.743.5000
National Response Center (Toxic Spills)	1800.424.8802

## LOCAL RESOURCES

### City Of Oakland Wildfire Prevention Hotline

<http://www.oaklandnet.com/wildfireprevention/>  
510-238-7388

### Tree Removal Permits/Tree Assessments

510-615-5850

### Ready for a Wildfire

<http://www.readyforwildfire.org/>

### California Air Resources Board (CARB)

Air Pollution Complaints  
1-800-952-5588

### Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Issues Spare the Air alerts on days with poor air quality  
Air Pollution Complaints  
1-800-334-ODOR (1-800-334-6367)

### Wildfire Prevention Tips

<http://www.oaklandnet.com/wildfireprevention/>

## HOW DO I REDUCE MY WILDFIRE RISK?

### FIRE PREVENTION CHECKLIST

- Does my rental management perform fire drill exercises or have an escape route plan?
- Are my gutters clear of leaves and debris?
- Do my smoke detectors work? Do I have spare batteries for them?

### LANDSCAPING TIPS

- Group plants based on height and water requirements
- Plant native, fire resistant, and drought tolerant plants and remove dead plants and weeds

### BUILDING MATERIALS

- Use flame retardent building materials. Class A materials have the highest resistance to fires. This includes brick, tile, clay, and metal.

## ADAPTATION STRATEGIES THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT

1. Develop wildfire and air quality warning systems that are in multiple languages and accessible to all communities
2. Create public education and safety programs on how to reduce wildfire risk
3. Develop comprehensive community-based plans for emergency evacuation, response, and recovery in the event of a wildfire
4. Identify high fire risk areas that would allow for the safe burial of existing power lines to avoid interruptions during wildfire events
5. Limit development in fire prone areas, when possible

## HOW DO I PREPARE FOR A WILDFIRE?

1. Create an evacuation plan that includes a meeting area, escape routes, and a point of contact
2. Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them
3. Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric, and water main shut-off controls are located and how to safely shut them off
4. Put together an emergency kit  
(Go to [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) for more information)
5. Purchase home insurance

## WHAT THE CITY OF OAKLAND CAN DO

1. Provide resources to partner with community-based groups to develop and implement community education and outreach programs
2. Provide spark arresters to households with very high levels of wildfire risk
3. Establish centrally located shelters for homeless and low-income residents
4. Provide free transportation to shelters
5. Ensure that the Fire Department cites and clears vacant and developed lots that are not in compliance with the Fire Code
6. Design streets so that they provide adequate clearance and access for emergency service vehicles

## WHAT DO I DO DURING A WILDFIRE ?

1. Listen to the radio and stay indoors and close windows and doors. Officials will announce specific locations to evacuate and escape routes to use
2. Locate emergency supplies
3. Immediately during a fire, cover up to protect against heat and flying embers. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirt, heavy shoes/boots, cap, cover your face, and use goggles or glasses. 100% cotton is preferable
4. Locate pets and take them with you

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY

1. Establish systems of neighborhood leaders who are trained and charged with outreaching to local residents
2. Let others in your neighborhood know about wildfire conditions and impacts
3. Create a phone tree system with neighbors to alert each other if there is an emergency
4. Send group cell phone texts to notify and keep neighbors updated

