



## Let's Talk Disaster Resilience

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I recently had the pleasure of hearing Jim Walker, our State Fire Marshall, speak. He shared excellent information about wildfires. From 2010 to 2019 Oregon averaged 80 wildfires per year. From January 2020 to May 26, 2020, we had 143 wildfires. Five of these wildfires were caused by lightning strikes and 138 were caused by individuals. We are expecting warmer than usual temperatures in July and August which increases our fire danger.

Preparedness is not just for the 9.0, but for every potential disaster. Now is the time to get prepared for wildfires.

- Have working smoke alarms in every bedroom and in the common areas of your home. Please email [coastiemj@charter.net](mailto:coastiemj@charter.net), if you need free smoke alarms.
- Contact 911 if you see an unattended fire or out-of-control fire.
- Remove yard debris and fuel cans from your yard.
- Do not toss matches or cigarettes out of your car window.
- Never leave a fire unattended, this includes burn piles.
- Call the Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District (503-392-3313) to get a free burn permit or if you have questions about burning. **NEVER burn on a windy day.**
- Do not park your car in tall grass. The hot exhaust system can ignite the grass.
- Make sure you and your pets are go-bag ready because if there is a wildfire, and you are told to evacuate, you must leave immediately.
- Keep your vehicle gas tank full.

**REMEMBER "ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"**