

Always Be Aware

Keep updated on Wildfires, Storm warnings, and Red Flag warnings during hot and dry summer months. Being aware of Fire information and predicted storms will increase your chances of a safe evacuation.

Here are ways to find this information.

- ▶ Colville Tribes Emergency Alert System: Sign up online at www.colvilletribes.com/emaalert for immediate Emergency information.
- ▶ Join the Mt. Tolman Fire Center Facebook page and the Tribal Website: www.colvilletribes.com/mt-tolman-fire-control
- ▶ Employee E-mail Broadcasts from the Colville Tribe.
- ▶ National Weather Service website @ www.weather.gov
- ▶ Your local News and Radio Stations.
- ▶ There are also Fire Weather apps to download to your phone or device.
- ▶ During a Larger Wildfire Incident there are large Information boards posted in front of Grocery stores in each District across the Reservation.

To Report a Wildfire Call MTFC Dispatch

509-634-3100

**For Structure Fires and other
Emergencies Call the Tribal Police
Department or local Police**

**509-634-2473 or
911**



www.colvilletribes.com/mt-tolman-fire-control

Mt. Tolman Fire Center



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509-634-3100

**Evacuation and
Emergency Contacts**

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Plan Ahead

Create a check list for what take in your to-go bag. Your checklist should be manageable and contain what is most important to you. Keep enough space for family members and pets.

- ✓ Family Members
- ✓ Children's to-go bags
- ✓ Pets
- ✓ Important Documents
- ✓ Pictures
- ✓ Clothing and Personal
- ✓ Insurance information
- ✓ Keys/Wallet
- ✓ Traditional Regalia
- ✓ Medications

No one can predict when a dangerous fire situation will occur. It's always good to develop an Evacuation Plan for when an emergency situation threatens your home. Keep all Emergency contact numbers in an easy to find location. Plan out step-by-step procedures and escape routes for a safe evacuation. Practice Fire Drills within your household on what to do during an emergency situation would be beneficial.

Plan a Escape Route. The route should be an allowable road for vehicles to travel toward a safety zone. If possible find an alternate route just in case your main route is compromised by the fire. Once you've arrived at a Safety Zone far away from fire danger plan on staying away for a 24 hour period. If possible relocate to a family friend or relatives home.

Evacuation Levels

When a Fire Incident is threatening a Wildland Urban Area, an evacuation notification gets sent to homes threatened. As a community member look for information regarding evacuations levels and the location of the Fire, if you know the home owner you may notify them about what level of evacuation they are facing. If you are the home owner there are three types of levels to be concerned about.

Evacuation Level 1: **Ready**

Get your to-go bags ready. This is a good time to find a safe place for your family/pets to go if the level increases. Make sure your home is secure with flammable materials moved at least 50' ft. from your home. Be ready to go.

Evacuation Level 2: **Set**

There is significant Fire Danger in your area, and residents should voluntarily relocate to safe place. If you choose to remain home, be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice.

Evacuation Level 3: **Go!**

There is imminent Fire Danger in your area and you need to leave immediately. You will not have time to gather your belongings or try to protect your home. If you delay you may have potential to be entrapped. Do not re-enter.

Evacuation

It's a better decision to leave during an early evacuation level. Remember to stay calm when it is time to go. Don't leave behind anything from your checklist also do a head count before you depart. Turning on your sprinklers and having your gate open for Fire Management to get in helps. Have your headlights on for on coming vehicles heading to the fire and calmly travel to a Safety Zone away from the Fire. When you arrive have another head count then notify authorities of your evacuation.

Help is on the way

During Urban Wildfires MTFC teams up with the Tribal Fire and Rescue, and other Town Fire Departments for Fire suppression, Structure Protection and Ground support tactics. Our Intent is to suppress the fire and limit damage to property. More importantly our jobs are to keep you safe during Fire Danger situations.

