



GRAND VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Subject: Preparing for Wildfire Season – Staying Informed and Ready

Dear Community Members,

As we move into wildfire season, the Grand Valley Fire Protection District encourages all residents, businesses, and visitors to remain vigilant and prepared. Wildfire conditions can change rapidly, and early awareness is one of the most effective tools we have to protect lives, property, and first responders.

Fire restrictions may be implemented or intensified as weather and fuel conditions evolve. These restrictions are put in place to reduce the risk of human-caused fires and to limit fire behavior during periods of heightened danger. We ask everyone to stay alert for updates to fire restrictions and to follow them closely when they are in effect.

It is equally important to be prepared for the possibility of evacuations. Evacuation notices may be issued with little warning, and prompt action helps ensure your safety while allowing emergency personnel to respond effectively. All households are encouraged to review evacuation routes, prepare emergency go-kits, and plan ahead for family members, pets, and livestock.

HOW TO GET EMERGENCY INFORMATION

We use multiple platforms to make sure critical information is shared as quickly and widely as possible. During wildfire season, please monitor the following trusted sources for updates on fire restrictions, wildfire activity, and evacuation notices:

- **Grand Valley Fire Protection District Website**
<https://www.gvfpd.org/>
- **Garfield County Website**
Emergency Management page under the County Website
<https://www.garfieldcountyco.gov/emergency-management>
- **IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert & Warning System)**
Emergency alerts delivered through cellular, broadcast, and digital systems.
- **Everbridge Emergency Notification System**

Garco911 website for sign up

<https://garco911.com/emergency-notification-system>
- **Social Media**
Official GVFPD Facebook page and other verified emergency service accounts

We strongly encourage residents to ensure their contact information is current in emergency notification systems and to follow official sources for accurate, timely information.

How You Can Help Prepare

- Follow all posted and announced fire restrictions.
- Report smoke or suspected fires immediately by calling 911.
- Avoid activities that could spark a fire during dry or windy conditions.
- Create and maintain defensible space around homes and structures.
- Check on neighbors who may need assistance during emergencies.

Wildfire preparedness is a shared responsibility. By staying informed and taking proactive steps, we can reduce wildfire risk and help keep our community safe throughout the fire season.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Grand Valley Fire Protection District

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C. J. ...', written over the printed name of the Fire Chief.

Fire Chief & Staff