

# Wildfire

## GENERAL PREPARATION

- Confirm insurance eligibility for fire damage.
- Develop a procedure to communicate with staff and customers.

## BEFORE A WILDFIRE

- Check your Emergency Preparation Kit.
  - Is everything well stocked?
  - Is everything working?
- Move the Emergency Preparation Kit somewhere convenient to access.
- Remove all flammable materials, like propane tanks and firewood, that may be within 30 feet of restaurant buildings.
- Replace air filters in HVAC system.
- Clear natural debris from patio, deck, gutters, and anywhere else it may collect.
- Cover patio or deck with wire mesh (if applicable).
- Hydrate and maintain exterior landscaping (if applicable).
- Remove dead vegetation that's within 10 feet of the building, if possible.
- Inspect roof for loose or missing shingles or tiles. Replace when necessary.
- Inspect sprinkler system. Notify the fire department if there are any problems.



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## DURING A WILDFIRE

- Move outdoor patio furniture and wooden planters indoors or as far from the restaurant building as possible.
- Close and secure doors and windows to prevent embers from entering the property.
- Connect hoses to spigots to help firefighters.
- Fill any large exterior containers with water.
- Be prepared to evacuate customers and staff if the property is in the path of wildfire.
- If the wildfire causes a power outage, refer to that checklist for specific guidance.

## AFTER A WILDFIRE

- Wait for local authorities to confirm the area is safe before returning to the restaurant.
- Avoid hot ash, charred trees, smoldering debris, and live embers.
- Avoid damaged or fallen power lines, poles, and downed wires.
- Check with your local health department about the safety of drinking water.
- Dispose food that was exposed to heat, smoke, fumes, or chemicals.
- Follow public health rules and wear protective items, like long-sleeved shirts and N95 masks, during cleanup.
- If ash gets in your eyes or on your skin, wash it off ASAP.
- 86 Repairs customers should call or text for assistance with any damaged equipment or infrastructure.