



Hazard Factsheet: Wildfires



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Management

Dial 111 immediately if there's a fire.

Fire moves extremely fast – have a plan to ensure you and your whānau know what to do in a fire and how to get out safely.

Embers can travel for more than two kilometres and ignite fires, dependent on the wind direction.

Wildfire travels faster uphill. Properties on a steep slope or at the crest of a hill are at the greatest risk.

Fire Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) is the lead agency for fire emergencies.

- Move vehicles to a safe location.
- Move lightweight garden furniture, door mats and other outdoor items indoors.
- Wet down the sides of buildings, decks and plants close to your whare/home in the likely path of the wildfire.
- Move animals and livestock to a well-grazed or ploughed area.
- Close windows, doors, and vents. Shut blinds. Seal gaps under doors and windows with wet towels.

Remember, life is more important than property. Always make sure you have your escape planned before tackling a fire and don't put yourself or others at risk. Leaving early is always the safest option.

Don't rely on an official warning to leave. Wildfires can start quickly and threaten lives and whare/homes within minutes.

Stay informed about wildfires including the current fire season, fire types and on how to reduce risks of a fire getting out of control on the FENZ website: fireandemergency.nz or checkitsalright.nz/reduce-your-risk/protecting-your-property

For more information and advice on keeping animals safe from wildfires, go to: mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/26533-Animalsaffected-by-fire-Advice-for-livestock-lifestyleblock-horse-and-pet-owners

If a wildfire is near your property:

- Turn on sprinklers, fill the gutters with water, and wet down materials like firewood that may fuel the fire.

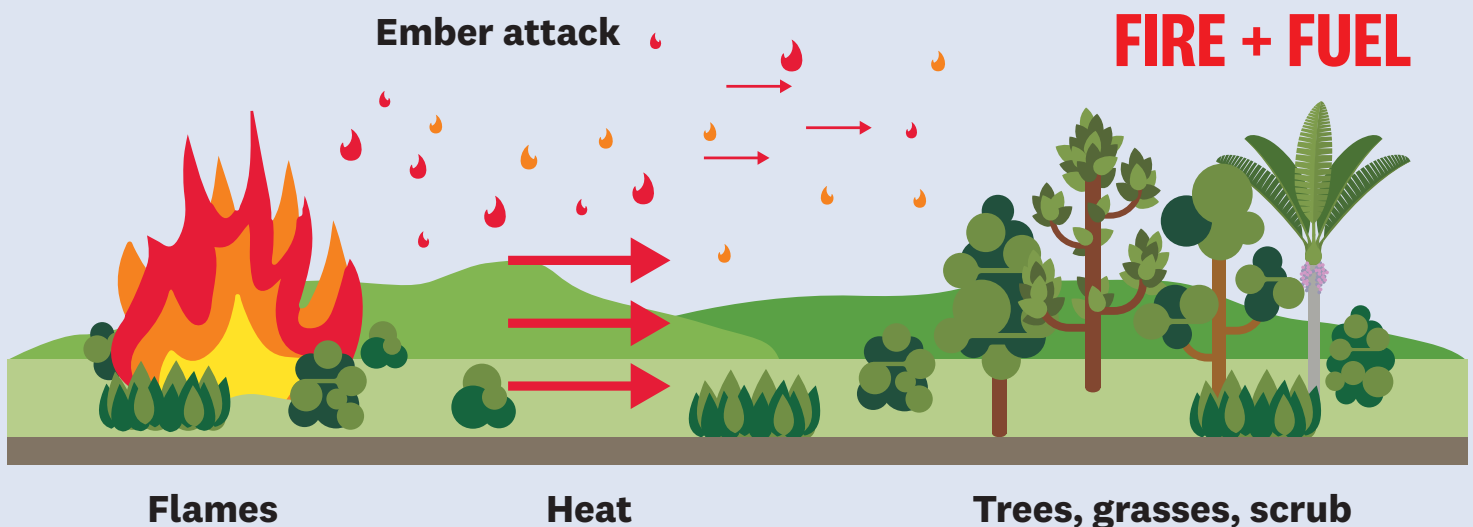


Diagram demonstrating how fires grow and spread.