

Wildfire Prevention Month • October 2020



Dear Residents,

October is the height of an already catastrophic fire season in California. East Bay Regional Park District and the public we serve must work together to prevent additional firestorms. You can help by following these safety measures while visiting parks and public open space. Our collective efforts can help ensure the region's fire safety.

Sincerely,

Aileen Theile, Fire Chief
East Bay Regional Park District



WHAT THE EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT IS DOING:

- Maintaining a professional fire department with 16 full-time firefighters and over 34 on-call firefighters who have other District jobs, but are fully trained and available when needed.
- Headquarters is Fire Station 1 at Tilden Regional Park near Berkeley. Seven other stations throughout the District are staffed as circumstances demand.
- Two helicopters serve as observation platforms to determine fire location and spread, and best access for ground crews. The helicopters are also equipped with Bambi buckets to drop water on fires when needed.
- As part of a larger network, the District maintains Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS) in four regional parks which provide data to headquarters and the region on temperature, wind speed and direction, and moisture to help determine the fire danger level.
- Grazing approximately 65 percent of the District's parkland throughout the year with cattle, goats, and sheep that help to reduce fire fuels.
- An eight-member fuel reduction crew works year round to enhance fire safety by clearing brush, trimming trees, and carrying out controlled burning.

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For more information
on wildfire safety, visit
ebparks.org/about/fire.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- Smoking is prohibited in all Regional Parks. This prohibition includes vaping.
- Be aware of Red Flag Warning, fire danger levels, and park fire safety rules. Abide by all posted or announced fire safety rules.
- If you see a fire in a park, call 911 immediately. Report the fire's location, size, and direction of burn, if possible. If in park, leave immediately for your safety.
- Practice situational awareness. Be alert for any potential fire hazards and report them.
- During a fire emergency, cooperate with all instructions and evacuation orders from firefighters, police, and park staff.





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