



Rosamond Community Services District

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Special Edition: Fire Safety

Fire safety has been a community hot topic with house fires earlier this year and brush fires in June. While not specifically a water issue, community fire safety has been a topic at recent board meetings. RCSD is invested in our community and committed to helping any way we can. Just like water conservation, fire safety is an individual household effort that contributes to the overall health and safety of our community.

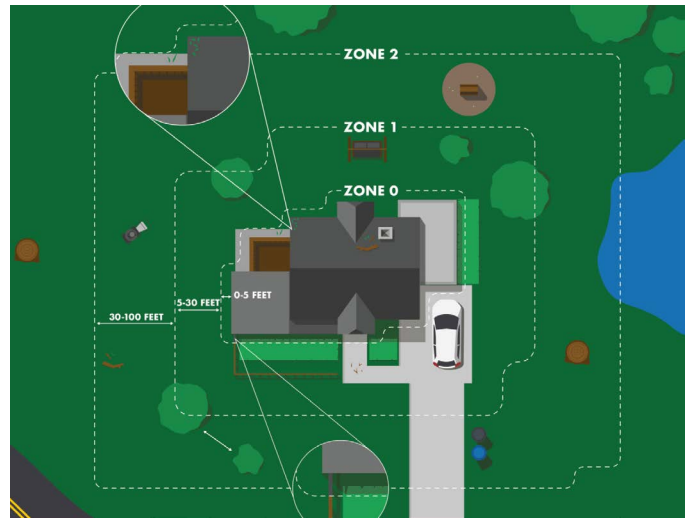
Now is a great time to review your home fire safety with these tips.

Outside your home:

- Clear your roof and gutters of combustible materials like leaves and pine needles.
- Keep garden hoses attached to outdoor spigots that can reach all areas of your home.
- Make sure your house number (address) is clearly visible and easy to find.
- Know where and how to use gas, power, and water shut-offs.

Around your home:

- Remove all dead or dry branches, plants, grass, weeds, leaves, and pine needles from within 30 feet of your home.
- Mow the fields within 100 feet of your home down to four inches or less.
- If you have a woodpile, keep it more than 30 feet away from your home.
- If you have LPG or fuel tanks, keep a 10 foot zone around them clear of all combustible materials.



Learn more about defensible spaces and zones at [readyforwildfire.org](https://www.readyforwildfire.org)

Inside your home:

- Ensure you have smoke detectors in every bedroom, in the hallways outside bedrooms, and on every floor.
- Check smoke detectors every six months. (like when we change clocks for daylight savings time each spring and fall)
- Keep fire extinguishers readily accessible and ensure you and your household knows how to use them.
- Keep important documents and emergency supplies collected in locations and containers that make them easy to grab and go if evacuations are necessary.
- Never leave lithium batteries charging unattended.

Together, we can help keep our entire community safe by doing our part to ensure our homes are fire-safe and defensible.

Learn more about how to keep your home fire-safe by visiting these websites:
[kerncountyfire.org](https://www.kerncountyfire.org) | [readyforwildfire.org](https://www.readyforwildfire.org) | [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org)

When To Water

Summer heat means adjusting how we water our plants. Watering in the heat of the day can burn leaves and is inefficient due to evaporation.

The best time to water is in the morning, between 6am and 10am. This is before the heat and wind of the day usually picks up, allowing the water to soak into the ground and nourish plants.

Watering in the morning also helps avoid rot, fungal growth, and insects. If you must water in the evening, ensure that leaves have enough time to dry before nightfall.

Cooling Centers Open On Hot Days

Hummel Hall will be open to the public as a cooling center from 1pm to 8pm every day that the National Weather Service forecasts the temperature to be 108° degrees or higher, now through September 22, 2024.

Cooling Center at Hummel Hall
2500 20th Street West
Everyday forecast to be 108° or higher
1pm-8pm
1 Jun 2024 - 22 Sep 2024

If you need transportation to the cooling center, call 2-1-1. For more information, call 800-510-2020.

Additionally, the Kern County Library, located at 3611 Rosamond Blvd, has air conditioning and will be open during its regular hours.

RCSD To Host Regional Meetings

RCSD is a local agency focused on our local community. However, this effort often includes interfacing with regional, state, and national organizations to develop our team

of professionals and advocate for Rosamond. An important part of this effort is ensuring our community has a seat at the table by bringing the table to our community, in the form of hosting events at the RCSD offices. There are two upcoming events this month that will be hosted by RCSD and are open to the community.

The East Kern Economic Alliance (EKEA) will be holding their monthly meeting at RCSD on Thursday, July 11th, from 2pm to 4pm. Part of the Kern Economic Development Corporation, the EKEA is focused on promoting Kern's boundless opportunities for business. Learn more at kernedc.com

The Kern Council of Governments (COG) will be holding their July meeting with RCSD as a secondary location on Tuesday, July 30th, from 11am to 1pm. Kern COG is focused on regional transportation planning and other issues like air quality. You can learn more about Kern COG at kerncog.org

Ditch the Drips

Sneaky little leaks around the house may not seem like a big deal, but all of those drips and drops can add up to a lot of water waste and a big water bill! The good news is that almost anyone can fix leaks around their house where things connect to spigots, faucets, or other fixtures. Start by just tightening loose connections. If that doesn't work, check and replace washers and o-rings or try wrapping some thread tape around the connection. Thread tape, o-rings, and washers are inexpensive and easy to purchase at your favorite local hardware store or online retailer.

