

13. BE PREPARED IN CASE OF WILDFIRE

13.1 Water Supply

Have an adequate or reliable water supply available in case of wildfires. For example, storage tanks, swimming pool, creeks or lakes can be utilized quickly with preplanning ([CCR 1275](#)).



Photograph 13.1.
Alternate Water Supply

13.2 Portable Water Pumps

Have a portable gasoline-powered water pump available with suction hose and enough fire hose to effectively reach around structures.

13.3 Swimming Pools

These are excellent sources of water for fire protection, when access is provided for emergency equipment to utilize the water.



**Photograph 13.2.
Swimming Pool**

13.4 Garden Hoses

Garden hose outlets should be located on the exterior of all dwellings with enough hose available to protect all sides of the dwelling and its roof.

13.5 Fire Tools

Have a cache of fire tools readily available including: ladder, extra garden hose, shovel, rake, buckets, etc.

13.6 Extra Protection

Pre-cut plywood window and sliding glass door coverings can provide increased protection. Nail them in place when a wildfire threatens.

13.7 Know the Danger Signs

- ✓ Prolonged dry weather.
- ✓ Plants and grass drying out.
- ✓ Cold weather that may speed up drying of vegetation.
- ✓ Drought year – limited rainfall and snow pack.
- ✓ Windy conditions.
- ✓ Thunderstorms.

Know what valuables you will take with you in case you are evacuated. Post the list in a visible location as a reference.