

Wildfire Evacuation Plan



Prepare to Evacuate

- ▶ Dress to prevent burns – sturdy shoes, cotton or wool clothing, long pants, gloves, and a bandana to protect your face.
- ▶ Contact your neighbors and tell them about the fire.
- ▶ Park the car in the garage, facing out with windows closed and keys in ignition. Do NOT leave the vehicle running!
- ▶ Close the garage door but leave it unlocked. Disconnect automatic garage doors in case of power failure.
- ▶ Place documents and mementos inside the car in the garage. Don't forget home insurance information, your address book, the computer hard-drive, prescriptions and eyeglasses, cell phone charger, extra car keys, and credit cards. Take personal items and clothes for minimum of five days.
- ▶ Confine pets to one room or inside pet carriers.
- ▶ Leave a note in your home with contact information.

If Time Allows

- ▶ Cover windows and other openings with fire resistant material.
- ▶ Shut off propane or natural gas valves.
- ▶ Remove excess gasoline and barbecue propane tanks from property.
- ▶ Attach garden hoses to spigots.
- ▶ Fill trashcans/buckets with water & place them where firefighters can find them.
- ▶ Place a ladder against the house opposite the approaching fire.
- ▶ Move combustible deck furniture inside.
- ▶ Close windows and doors to prevent sparks or smoke from blowing inside.
- ▶ Remove curtains or drapes.
- ▶ Turn on each room light and porch lights to make the house more visible.
- ▶ Move stuffed furniture away from windows and walls.

Evacuating

- ▶ Let authorities know of neighbors who might need assistance evacuating.
- ▶ Use pre-planned routes, away from the approaching fire front.
- ▶ If you are trapped by fire while evacuating in your car, park in an area clear of vegetation, close windows and vents, cover yourself with a blanket or jacket and lie on the floor.
- ▶ If you are trapped by fire while evacuating on foot, select an area clear of vegetation along a road, or lie in the road ditch. Cover any exposed skin. Avoid canyons that can concentrate and channel fire.
- ▶ If you are trapped by wildfire inside your home, stay away from outside walls. Close doors, but leave unlocked. Keep your entire family together and remain calm. If it gets hot inside, it is much hotter and more dangerous outside.

After the Fire Passes

- ▶ Check the roof immediately for sparks and embers.
 - ▶ Check inside the attic for hidden burning embers.
 - ▶ Check the yard for burning woodpiles, fence posts, or other materials.
- ▶ Keep the doors and windows closed.
- ▶ Continue rechecking your home and yard for at least 12 hours.

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