



Pre-Evacuation Preparation

Wildfire Preparedness Education

If time allows, follow this checklist when an evacuation is anticipated. Post this list in in an obvious place, like your entry way closet or your refrigerator or keep it in your "go" kit.

When ordered to evacuate, get out within 5 minutes. When in doubt, get out!

Keeping your family well out of harm's way is more important than this checklist.

- Check on neighbors and make sure they are preparing to leave. Ask for help if you need it.
- Locate your pets and keep them secured and nearby. Prepare leashes and crates for evacuation.
- Prepare large animals for transport and think about moving them to a safe location early.
- Put your 3-day "go" kit in your vehicle. (See page 3.)
- Back your car into the driveway with all doors and windows closed. You may lose power to your garage door opener.
- Carry your car keys on you so you are not hunting for them later.
- Do not leave sprinklers on or hose water running; they will affect firefighters' water pressure.
- Leave interior and exterior lights on, so your home is visible to firefighters in the smoke.
- Shut all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked. If you have metal shutters, close them.
- Place a ladder at the corner of the house for firefighters to quickly access your roof.
- Bring flammable items inside, move them more than 30 feet from the house, or place them in pool (patio furniture, natural doormats, children's toys, trash cans).
- Move propane BBQ tanks, lawn mowers, and vehicles more than 30 feet from structures.
- Connect garden hoses to outside water valves or spigots for use by firefighters. Do not hose down your house nor leave the hose running; firefighters need the water pressure.
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.
- Fill water buckets and place them around the house for firefighters' use.
- Shut off gas at the meter and/or turn off propane tanks.
- Shut off the air conditioning.
- Remove flammable window shades and curtains.
- Move flammable furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.