

Evacuation Check List

What should I wear and have with me?

- Wear only cotton or wool clothes
- Proper attire includes long pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, and boots
- Carry gloves, a handkerchief to cover your face, water to drink, and goggles
- Keep a flashlight and portable radio with you at all times
- Tune in to a local radio station and listen for Instructions

What about family members and pets?

- If possible, evacuate all family members not essential to preparing the house for wildfire
- Make sure to designate a safe meeting place and contact person
- Relay your plans to the contact person
- Evacuate pets
- Contact emergency providers for information on pet assistance if needed

How should I prepare my car?

- Place vehicles in the garage, pointing out with keys in the ignition
- Roll up the windows
- Close the garage door, but leave it unlocked
- If applicable, disconnect the electric garage door opener so that the door can be opened manually

What should I take?

- Important documents (bank, IRS, trust, investment, insurance policy, birth certificates, medical records)
- Credit and ATM cards
- Medications
- Prescription glasses
- Driver's license
- Passport
- Computer backup files
- Inventory of home contents (consider videotaping)
- Photograph the exterior of the house and landscape
- Address book
- Cell phone and charger
- Personal toiletries
- Change of clothing
- Family photo albums and videos

- Family heirlooms
- Place essential items in the car
- Remove lightweight, nonfire-resistant curtains and other combustible materials from around windows
- Close fire-resistant drapes, shutters, and Venetian blinds
- Turn off all pilot lights
- Move overstuffed furniture, such as couches and easy chairs, to the center of the room

What about the outside of my home?

- Place combustible patio furniture in the house or garage
- Shut off propane at the tank or natural gas at the meter
- Close all exterior vents if possible
- Prop a ladder against the house to provide firefighters with access to the roof
- Make sure that all garden hoses are connected to faucets and attach nozzles set on “spray”
- Close all exterior doors and windows
- Leave exterior doors unlocked
- Turn on outside lights
- If available and if there’s time, cover windows, attic openings, and vents with plywood that is at least one-half inch thick
- Wet down wood-shake or shingle roofs before leaving
- Fill trash cans and buckets with water and place where firefighters can find them
- If you have an emergency water source (pool, pond, etc.) and/or portable pump, clearly mark its availability so it can be seen from the street