

EVACUATION CHECKLIST

Go-Bag Essentials

- Important documents (bank, IRS, trust, investment, insurance policy, birth certificates, medical records)
- ATM, credit and debit cards and cash in small bills
- Medications, Rx numbers and vaccination records for humans and pets
- Necessary medical devices and their accessories
- Non-perishable food and water for 72 hours
- Driver's license, passport
- Computer backup files & passwords
- Inventory of home contents (consider making a video inventory now, prior to an emergency)
- Photographs of the exterior of the house and landscape
- Address book including medical and veterinarian contact information
- Cell phone charger, car charger and battery packs
- Personal toiletries
- Enough clothing for 3-5 days
- Family heirlooms, photo albums and videos (must be easily carried)
- Batteries

What to Wear

- Wear only cotton or wool clothes, including long pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, a hat, and boots
- Carry gloves, water to drink, and goggles
- Keep your cell phone, a flashlight, and portable radio with you at all times
- Tune in to a local radio station and listen for instructions

- NIOSH N95 or P100 mask

Prepare Family Members

- If possible, evacuate all family members not essential to preparing the house for wildfire
- Plan several evacuation routes from your home, if possible
- Designate a safe meeting place and contact person
- Relay your plans to a contact person
- Register for the local emergency notification system
- Offer to help your neighbors if they do not or cannot drive

Prepare Vehicle

- Keep your vehicle's gas tank full
- Park in your driveway facing out
- Roll up the car windows
- Close the garage door
- Place essential items in the car
- If you do not drive, make other arrangements for transportation in advance
- Close garage door when you leave

Inside the Home

- Close all interior doors
- Leave a light on in each room
- Remove lightweight, non-fire-resistant curtains and other combustible materials from around windows
- Close fire-resistant drapes, shutters, and blinds
- Turn off all pilot lights
- Move overstuffed furniture, such as couches and easy chairs, to the

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center of the room

- Close fireplace damper
- Close or block off any doggie-doors
- Lock-up firearms or valuables

Outside the Home

- Place combustible patio furniture and barbeques in the house, garage, or away from the home
- Shut off propane at the tank or natural gas at the meter, and clear the area of combustible material
- Close all exterior vents, doors, and windows
- Leave gates 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
- Ensure that all garden hoses are connected to faucets and turned off
- Don't leave sprinklers on, or water running; they can affect critical water pressure
- Ensure that house numbers and street signs are visible and reflective if possible

Prepare Pets

- Have identification on your animal
 - » Many animal species can be microchipped (Microchipping is a permanent form of identification for your pet)
- Have veterinary records and medications in one easy-to-find place
 - » A gallon ziplock bag can keep them dry and catch any pills that may fall out of a container that isn't securely shut
- Transport food, water and bowls in easy-to-carry, sealed containers
- Have a buddy system
 - » Can your neighbors help if you are not home during an evacuation?
 - » Do you have a family member or friend that can help house your animals should you need to be evacuated for an extended time?
- Dogs and small pets should be securely crated with only one animal per carrier
 - » Even well-behaved pets can panic and run away during a stressful event; a carrier can keep them safe
- Remove any non-essential items from carriers or cages, as unsecured items can injure a pet during transport

Prepare Horses, Livestock, and Other Large Animals

- Have a livestock trailer and reliable vehicle for towing the trailer
- Practice loading your livestock into the trailer and towing it before an emergency
- Remember that animals are likely to be stressed due to the smell of smoke, the sound of sirens, or the flashing lights on vehicles.
- Register for the local emergency notification system to get alerts about sheltering locations



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