

EMERGENCY Checklist



PREPARE YOUR FAMILY: GO BAG

- ☐ **Bring clothes:** think about packing for a weekend get-away
- ☐ **Cash & id's:** Cash, credit cards, passports
- ☐ **Prescriptions,** face mask, first aid kit
- ☐ **Sustenance:** water, nutrition bars

FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

- ☐ **Prepare Go Bag:** see above
- ☐ **Utility shut-offs:** know where your gas, electric and main shut-offs are located
- ☐ **Meeting spot:** know where to meet when evacuated
- ☐ **Self-sustainable:** pack the car to be self-sustainable for a few days

PREPARE YOUR HOME

- ☐ **Gutters:** Clean roofs, gutters, vents of dead leaves, debris and pine needles
- ☐ **Attic vents:** prevent embers from passing through by adding a minimum of 1/8th inch metal mesh screening
- ☐ **Flammable materials:** Move flammable material away from wall exteriors at least 5' away, including mulch, plants, firewood. Check under porch or deck.
- ☐ **Roof preparation:** replace or repair loose or missing shingles or tiles
- ☐ **Ladder fuels:** remove vegetation under trees
- ☐ **Tree prep:** prune trees up to 6 to 10 feet from the ground; shorter trees don't exceed 1/3 of the height
- ☐ **Crown control:** Space trees & shrubs a minimum 18' between crowns with increasing distance with percentage of the slope
- ☐ **Tree removal:** remove trees overhanging the home
- Lawn maintenance:** Keep lawns & native grasses mowed to height of 4"

TIME TO EVACUATE: TO-DO

- ☐ **Car ready. Load bags. Close windows**
- ☐ **Move patio furniture:** inside home or 30' from walls
- ☐ **Move propane tanks:** at least 30' from home
- ☐ **Doormats:** at least 30' from home
- ☐ **Gates open:** for fire fighter access
- ☐ **Hot tubs:** move covers 30' from home
- ☐ **Utilities:** shut gas at meter
- ☐ **Windows/doors:** shut all doors inside & out; leave unlocked
- ☐ **Window shades:** remove indoor window shades & curtains; put in the center of room; close metal shutters
- ☐ **Lights on:** indoor & outdoor
- HVAC:** shut off air/heat

WILDLIFE IS HERE PLANNING

- ☐ **Evacuation routes:** know multiple ways of getting out. Roads could be blocked.
- ☐ **Point of contact:** designate an out of town quarterback as a single point of contact
- ☐ **Rapid radio:** useful should cell towers go down
- ☐ **Livestock:** have an evacuation plan or shelter in place plan for pets or large animals

Learn more about home hardening, safe landscaping, tree spacing and general fire preparation by visiting <https://readyforwildfire.org>

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