

Emergency Evacuation Checklist

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A wildfire event or any other disaster may make it necessary for you and your family, friends, and neighbors to evacuate. Plan, prepare and practice emergency evacuation together.



Before Disaster Strikes

Plan

- Sign up to receive local emergency alerts and warnings on all home phones, cellphones, and other devices
- Know your community's emergency notification and evacuation plans
- Plan an evacuation route away from your home and other alternate routes in case the first route is closed, threatened or unsafe
- Designate a meetup location far enough away to check in with friends and family also evacuating but leaving in separate vehicles
- Establish and inform a designated contact of your plan and communicate with them during an emergency
- Know the evacuation plans for locations where household members regularly are such as workplaces, schools, and commuter routes
- Perform any necessary Ladder Fuel Reduction and home hardening to help increase survivability of the home when you are gone

Prepare

- Prepack emergency supply kits for each household member (minimum of 72-Hour supply of food and water)
- Back vehicles into your garage or park them in an open space facing the direction of escape
- Keep the gas tank in vehicles at least half full

Practice

- Practice evacuation procedures often with everyone in your household, using at least 2 ways out of the community
- Practice evacuating animals and pets. Know what resources are needed for their care in case of evacuation

72-Hour Emergency Supply Kit

- Food and water for all household members including infants and pets for at least 72 hours
- Cell phone charger and fully charged power bank
- Battery powered or hand crank radio that can get National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather station notices
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle
- N95 or other respirator/mask capable of filtering wildfire smoke or other harmful air particulates
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape for sheltering in place and/or a tent
- Non sparking wrench or pliers to shut off utilities
- Can opener if food is in cans
- Local maps
- Medications/Prescriptions including extra eyeglasses/contacts
- Copies of important documents such as insurance policies, ID, bank account info, passports, birth certificates etc. in waterproof container and/or laminated
- Sleeping bag/warm blankets for each member of the household
- Complete change of clothes including sturdy shoes and layers for each household member
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container, lighters, and/or flint striker
- Cash and change if card readers don't work
- Mess kit (cup, plate, utensils, napkins etc.)
- Simple activities for kids (if applicable)
- Emergency reference materials such as first aid book
- List of important contact numbers/information in case your phone runs out of battery
- Moist towelettes
- Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes
- Garbage bags
- Baby wipes/diapers (if applicable)
- Personal hygiene items
- Feminine hygiene products (if applicable)
- Pictures, memorabilia, and items of comfort



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