

Wildfire Evacuation

RESIDENTIAL EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

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Prepare a **Go Kit** with survival supplies ahead of an emergency and maintain it regularly for anything that could expire. Make one for each family member. Keep one in your house in a storage location near the front exit if possible for fast evacuation. Consider also keeping one in your vehicle and one at work.

Have your Go Kit Packed and Ready

- ☐ 3-day supply of non-perishable food and 3 gallons of water per person.
- ☐ Local maps with 2 evacuation routes marked.
- ☐ One or two changes of clothing including socks, underwear, jackets, extra shoes, toiletries, eyeglasses/contacts.
- ☐ Necessary prescriptions and a medications list with other important medical info.
- ☐ Extra car keys, credit cards, cash (small bills \$1's and \$5's) or traveler's checks.
- ☐ Flashlight/headlamp, battery-operated radio and extra batteries, cell phone charger.
- ☐ Copies of important documents (identification, insurance, deeds & titles).
- ☐ Photos of family and pets can help if separated.
- ☐ First Aid Kit and N95 Respirators.
- ☐ Can opener, wet wipes, and trash bags.
- ☐ Pet food/water and baby supplies, if applicable.

If you have time to evacuate, then pack extras

- ☐ Important files can be kept in a compact file box ready to be packed, or stored in a Fireproof Safe. Includes deeds, policies, passports, social security cards, birth and marriage certificates.
- ☐ Gather photo albums, valuable jewelry, laptops, and other irreplaceable items.
- ☐ Add pillows, light blankets and some camping or picnic supplies in case you need to sleep outside.

Pets & Animals

- ☐ Have carriers and all pet supplies (leashes, food, litter box, food/water and proof of immunization) stored in a secure place and ready to easily load into car.
- ☐ Locate pets quickly and secure them in carriers. You may not be able to catch them as fire approaches.
- ☐ Make sure your pets wear tags and that microchips are activated.
- ☐ Place your pets in carriers near the front door with water/food as you prepare to evacuate.
- ☐ Make prior arrangements with neighbors or friends to make an evacuation plan for loading and pulling trailers for large animals such as horses, etc.
- ☐ Consider moving large animals to a safe location early before evacuation is ordered.
- ☐ Know your shelter-in-place options particularly for large animals.

If you need to Shelter in Place

- ☐ Plan for the possibility of not being able to evacuate and prepare by knowing the options your city has to offer.
- ☐ Build a Stay Box, much like a Go Kit, that includes survival supplies for at least 3 days without water or electricity.
- ☐ Consider getting radio communication equipment and back-up power sources.