

Wildfire Safety Tips/Preparation for evacuations

Your Wildfire Action Plan must be prepared, and familiar to all members of your household well in advance of a wildfire.

Prepare ahead of time!!!!!!

Be Prepared:

- Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them (check expiration dates regularly).
- Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric, and water main shut-off controls are located and how to safely shut them down in an emergency.
- Have an emergency supply kit.
- Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers posted near your phone and in your emergency supply kit.
- Have a portable radio or scanner so you can stay updated on the fire.

If ordered to evacuate during a wildfire, do it immediately- make sure and tell someone where you are going and when you have arrived.

- Turn on your TV/radio. You'll get the latest weather updates and emergency instructions.
- Know where to go. If you are ordered to evacuate, know the route to take and have plan of where you will go. Check-in with your friends and family.
- Keep your car fueled, in good condition, and stocked with emergency supplies and a change of clothes.

Home Preparation:

- Regularly clean the roof and gutters.
- Maintain an area approximately 30' away from your home that is free of anything that will burn, such as wood piles, dried leaves, newspapers and other brush.
- Connect garden hoses long enough to reach any area of the home and fill garbage cans, tubs, or other large containers with water.
- Review your homeowner's insurance policy and also prepare/update a list of your home's contents.

Create an evacuation plan that includes:

- A designated emergency meeting location outside the fire or hazard area. This is critical to determine who has safely evacuated from the affected area.
- Several different escape routes from your home and community.
- Have an evacuation plan for pets and large animals such as horses and other livestock.
- A [Family Communication Plan](#) that designates an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact to act as a single source of communication among family members in case of separation. (It is easier to call or message one person and let them contact others than to

try and call everyone when phone, cell, and internet systems can be overloaded or limited during a disaster.)