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Major Fire

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PUBLIC**

***Wildland Fires and Evacuation Plans***

Oakridge area residents may be asked to cooperate if the community is involved in a major fire. Public information releases for the local media will be prepared in advance for use as needed.

**IN CASE A FOREST FIRE THREATENS**

1. Keep posted on progress of the fire by listening to local radio and television stations.
2. If an additional threat is seen, report it immediately by telephone – call 9-1-1.
3. If you are burning debris for cleanup, stop immediately.
4. Make certain your home is clear of combustibles, particularly brush that is hazardous to your home or other structures.
5. Hook up garden hoses and check out your water supply for possible wetting down roofs.
6. If time permits and it is required, remove and clear away flammable vegetation up to 30 feet on each side of your home or other structures.
7. Close all windows (cover if possible), remove combustibles near windows and other openings, protect and secure stock and pet animals.
8. Follow safety precautions to prevent being trapped. Keep informed. Follow instructions. Know where the fire is in relation to you. Know your escape route. Keep calm. Make certain you understand instructions. Oakridge area residents may be evacuated from forest and wildland fire areas as deemed necessary by competent authority.

**EVACUATION**

1. Begin evacuation immediately when the official warning is issued. Warning will be from emergency services personnel, broadcast via public address systems in emergency vehicles, radio and television (time permitting), and/or a door-to-door basis.
2. Follow designated evacuation routes nearest to you.
3. Do not use firefighting entrance routes. They are reserved for emergency services only.

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4. Reception Centers will be activated and staffed by the Red Cross. Local media will broadcast location information.
5. Go to the Reception Center and register so that information concerning your whereabouts is available for Oakridge officials as well as for inquiries from friends and relatives.
6. If you do not have your own transportation, assistance will be provided. **Call 9-1-1 for assistance.**
7. Be prepared for a lengthy stay. Take necessary items such as medicines, prescriptions, personal papers, changes of clothing, and some valuables, all within reasonable limits considering safety and available time and space.
8. **LOCK YOUR HOME. TURN OFF GAS, ELECTRICITY, AND WATER.**
9. When you have secured your home, **TIE A WHITE CLOTH** or **TOWEL** to your front door so that emergency services personnel will know that you have gone.
10. **DO NOT TIE UP PHONE LINES.** Don't become part of the problem by interfering with communications and operations of vital personnel.
11. **TIME IS IMPORTANT – MOVE FAST – BUT SAFELY AND COURTEOUSLY.**

**RE-ENTRY**

1. Do not return to the evacuated area until advised to do so by responsible officials (police, fire, or government officials).
2. Leave gas and electricity OFF until instructed to do otherwise. Use caution in putting gas and electricity back into use. It is advisable to have them checked by qualified technicians before use.
3. Heed advice from official sources on how to cope with debris and burned out areas.