



Mobilization Guide

Due to the fire emergency, you may need to mobilize yourself and your loved ones hastily. Here are some quick tips.

- Don't panic. Authorities are hard at work containing and extinguishing the fires.
- You may well be able to stay in your residence throughout this fire emergency. Do not rush to conclusions.
- Closely monitor news channels for evacuation orders. If you have a battery-operated radio, keep it close at hand.
- If you receive an evacuation order, comply with it immediately. Do not second guess such orders.
- Consider places you might go should you need to leave your residence. Confer with friends and family to evaluate the suitability of their locations. Look up local shelters and public facilities, should you prefer one of those options.
- Gather critical possessions, and assemble them for rapid departure.
- Make sure you have prescription and over-the-counter medicines packed. You will need these even for a brief time away.
- Have clean, warm, comfortable clothes ready to wear. Wear layers, so you can add or remove them to suit a changing environment.
- Ensure you are wearing your MOST comfortable, closed-toe, tight-fitting, laced shoes. You may need to walk for a considerable distance, over uneven terrain.
- Gather key government documents: licenses, passports, birth certificates, and the like. Place these in envelopes, and then inside of Ziploc bags. Double bag these items if possible.
- Gather cash, credit cards, jewelry, financial instruments, and insurance policy information.
- Gather medical papers, health insurance cards, medic alert hear, and special medical documents, including those for your pets.
- Gather small items of sentimental value, including photographs. Consider scanning or taking photos of these items -- and all other papers on this list.
- Gather charging cords and power banks. Ensure power banks are charged.
- Evacuation sites will have snacks and beverages. However, you may wish to prepare easy-to-carry snacks (think candy bars) for nourishment before you arrive at a site.
- Prepare your pets' leashes and harnesses and muzzles. Pack snacks and treats for your pets as well.
- Charge your flashlights, should you lose power, and need to shelter in place.
- Finally, bring a book -- if you have one. You may need to spend considerable time waiting. You will not want to drain your battery watching content on your phone. A book will keep you occupied, take your mind off the crisis, and help time pass more quickly.

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