

Emergency / Preparedness

Check List

DESERT VIEWS / FOUR PEAKS Homeowners Association
Firewise committee

To all residents of Desert Views / Four Peaks...

*Here you will find helpful information to create a template for **your own** HOME EMERGENCY ESCAPE PLAN*

If you currently have a plan, this may give you ideas and incentive to review, revise and update...if necessary.

*If you have **no plan**, **this is the time to create your plan !***

Why do it?

*Because, in the event of a major incident in our community... such as fire/disaster...which might require **evacuating our homes**, **your plan** can help you respond quickly.*

*Remember, in that moment, when public safety tells you to evacuate...the time you invest now will pay you back when **you need it most!***

***Your plan** can save you time, possessions and perhaps yourself, in a time of emergency... so be prepared...get a plan!*

***CHECK LIST / items to consider...not all encompassing
but a framework to build your plan:***

* ***Cars/Trucks/Motorcycles/...***

*you need these to **evacuate**, so always try to keep 1/2 tank of gas*

* **Cell Phone / Computers / Laptop / ipad / etc...**

*you need to have a line of **communication** wherever you go and you need a device you can grab and go...maybe not computers but consider taking small external drives...your back-up*

* **Flashlight...**

*keep at least **one** in your vehicle, **several** in your house...and where you can easily reach them in case the power goes out, which can even happen (and will) in a severe weather event*

* **Pets...**

*large or small, consider how you would or could handle their **escape and care** ... consider needs such as food, bowls, litter boxes etc. stored in a secure place ready to go*

* **Neighbors/Friends... *phone list !!***

*make prior arrangements to contact them on short notice... as you may need assistance in any evacuation... **handicapped or trapped ? you may need physical assist getting out of the house...transportation...handling your pets etc.***

* **Files/Documents/External Hard Drives...**

do you have important files, paperwork stored in a secured manner... either electronically, at home in a fire proof safe or even stored in a bank safe deposit box...and, if stored on hard drives, can you easily access those drives and take them out of harms way... documents such as homeowner's and auto insurance policies, life insurance, investment files, bank records, legal docs, contracts, titles, deeds etc. any and all important items you can create an electronic/digital file for and safeguard outside your home will save you one big hassle. protect yourself.

* **Medications...** you know!

- * **Photos/Photo Albums/CD's/DVD's/Records...Keepsakes**
not everything in today's world is in digital format, so how do you save old memories of photos and music ... your family history ? you might consider investing in a fire proof safe to keep these items secure and, not take them with you
- * **Credit Cards/Wallets...** where are they? got 'em? or at the very least, have the "Wallet app" on your iphone to charge items?
- * **Keys/Key fobs...** Car keys/Truck keys/House keys/Safe Deposit keys ...heck, **ANY keys** you need to have with you to evacuate because you don't know how long you may be out of your house
- * **Grab bag or suitcase...** do you have a "run bag" packed to "grab and go" ...get out of your home in any emergency? what are you packing... clothing? you can consider layering clothes depending on the weather...pack socks, shirts, underwear, jackets, sweatshirts, shoes...whatever you need
- * **Jewelry...** get a safe or safety deposit box...or plan accordingly
- * **Mask...**N95 preferred
still important for everyone in fires dealing with smoke inhalation which in high wind conditions can easily get in your lungs and make life very uncomfortable...breathing difficult
- * **Propane tanks...** turn them off... and, get them away from your house... stored safely as possible
- * **Communication...**
knowing your sources of **emergency** information and where to find it. **Apps on your phone**, local TV news and radio reports
- * **Establish a family meeting place...**
no matter what the situation...consider having a safe prearranged meeting location away from your neighborhood as family and friends can easily get separated in a moment of crisis
- * **Call list / contacts...**
your neighbor(s) can be your best support in any emergency, so know their phone number(s) so you or someone helping you can contact

Again, start a list...add to your list.. and, make it your list !

Now, you're making progress with your plan...
so, pause and review your list... then, discuss the questions
below *with your family and friends...and, fine tune your plan.*

- * How will I receive **emergency alerts/warnings?**
- * What is **my shelter plan?**
- * What are **my evacuation routes...options ?**
- * What is **my family communication plan?**
- * Do I need to update my **emergency run bag?**
- * Do I have **masks** if needed in case of fire?

Consider your specific needs

- * Tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities
- * Discuss: your needs and responsibilities...how people can assist each other
- * Discuss: communication, care of children, pets or specific needs especially **medical support and medications**
- * Identify *your own* personal areas where you need assistance

- * Keep in mind some these factors when developing your plan:
 - Different ages of members within your home
 - Responsibilities for assisting others
 - Locations frequented
 - Dietary needs
 - Medical needs including prescriptions and equipment
 - Disabilities or access and functional needs including devices and equipment
 - Languages spoken
 - Cultural and religious considerations
 - Pets or service animals
 - Households with school-aged children



Create it

Review it

Practice it

Thank You!

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