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## WILDFIRE PREPARATION CHECKLIST

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It will likely be dark, smoky, windy, and hot. There may be airborne burning embers, no power or telephone, and poor water pressure. Remember, there is nothing you own worth your life. Please evacuate when asked.

Review this information to prepare yourself for a quick and safe evacuation.

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### GETTING PREPARED:

- ☐ Wear only cotton or wool clothes, including long pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, a hat and boots
- ☐ Carry gloves, a handkerchief to cover your face, water to drink and goggles.
- ☐ Keep flashlight and portable radio with you at all times.
- ☐ Tune into a local radio station and listen for instructions. Prepare family members/pets:
- ☐ If possible, evacuate all family members not essential to preparing the house for wildfire
- ☐ Plan several evacuation routes from your home and practice them often
- ☐ Create a paper copy of the contact information for your family and other important people/offices, such as medical facilities, doctors, schools, or service providers. Make sure everyone carries a copy in his or her backpack, purse, or wallet. If you complete your Family Emergency Communication Plan online at [ready.gov/make-a-plan](https://ready.gov/make-a-plan), you can print it onto a wallet-sized card. You should also post a copy in a central location in your home, such as your refrigerator or family bulletin board.
- ☐ Designate a safe meeting place outside the fire/hazard area
- ☐ Designate a contact person (friend or relative) that lives outside the fire hazard area, who will 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.)
- ☐ Relay your plans to the contact person. If you are using a mobile phone, a text message may get through when a phone call will not. This is because a text message requires far less bandwidth than a phone call. Text messages may also save and then send automatically as soon as capacity becomes available.
- ☐ Evacuate pets whenever possible. Never turn animals loose.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit for each person, as recommended by the American Red Cross. Keep an extra emergency supply kit in your car.

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## PREPARE A VEHICLE

- ☐ If you can lift your garage door manually, place vehicle in the garage pointing out with the keys in the ignition and disconnect the electric garage door opener. If not, park in your driveway facing out.
- ☐ Roll up windows.
- ☐ Close the garage door, but leave it unlocked.
- ☐ Place essential items in the car.
- ☐ If you do not drive, make other arrangements for transportation in advance.

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## MAKE A “EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT”:

- ☐ Map marked with at least two evacuation routes
- ☐ An extra set of car keys
- ☐ Family and emergency contact information
- ☐ Important documents (bank, IRS, trust, investments, insurance policies, birth certificates, passports, social security card, medical records)
- ☐ Inventory of home contents (video in advance is advised)
- ☐ Photographs of exterior of the house and landscape
- ☐ Credit/Debit Cards, cash, travelers’ checks
- ☐ Driver’s License
- ☐ Prescription Medications
- ☐ Prescriptions Glasses
- ☐ Personal toiletries enough clothing for 3 – 5 days
- ☐ Non-perishable food 3-day supply & 3 gallons of water per person
- ☐ Family heirlooms, photo albums, easily carried valuables
- ☐ Infant formula and diapers
- ☐ Pet food, leashes, carriers, extra water for pet and pets’ medications
- ☐ Battery-powered radio, flashlights, & batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Personal computer information on hard drives and disks
- ☐ Chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.