

EVACUATION CHECKLIST FOR CITIZENS

TO-GO BAG:

- ✓ Important documents (bank, IRS, trust, investment, insurance policies, birth certificates, medical records)
- ✓ Credit/ATM/Debit cards
- ✓ Medications
- ✓ Prescription glasses
- ✓ Driver's license / Passport
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- ✓ Computer back up files
- ✓ Flashlight, portable radio with extra batteries tuned to 780 AM or 88.9 FM
- ✓ Inventory of home contents (consider videotaping now, prior to an emergency)
- ✓ Photographs of the exterior of the house and landscape
- ✓ Address book
- ✓ Cell phone and charger
- ✓ Personal toiletries
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Enough clothing for 3-5 days
- ✓ Family heirlooms

WHAT TO WEAR:

- ✓ Wear only cotton or wool clothes. Long pants, long sleeved-shirt or jacket, hat, boots, gloves, handkerchief to cover your face, goggles.

FAMILY MEMBERS/PETS/LIVESTOCK:

- ✓ If possible evacuate all family members not essential to preparing the house for wildfire.
- ✓ Plan several evacuation routes from your home.
- ✓ Designate a safe meeting place and contact person
- ✓ Relay your plans to the contact person
- ✓ Evacuate pets and livestock whenever possible. Never turn animals loose.
- ✓ Pet Food, Pet Carrier, Leash and any other pet related items.

VEHICLE PREPARATION:

- ✓ Place vehicles outside the garage pointing out
- ✓ Keep vehicle fuel tank full during fire season
- ✓ Roll up the windows
- ✓ Close the garage door, but leave unlocked
- ✓ If applicable, disconnect the electric garage door opener so that the door can be opened manually.
- ✓ Place essential items in the car
- ✓ If you do not drive, make other arrangements for transportation in advance.

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INSIDE THE HOME:

- ✓ Close all interior doors
- ✓ Leave a light on in each room
- ✓ Remove lightweight, non-fire-resistant curtains and other combustible materials from around windows
- ✓ Close fire-resistant drapes, shutters and blinds
- ✓ Turn off all pilot lights
- ✓ Move overstuffed furniture, such as sofas, to the center of the room
- ✓ Close Doggie Doors

OUTSIDE THE HOME:

- ✓ Place combustible patio furniture in the house or garage
- ✓ Shut off propane at the tank or natural gas at the meter
- ✓ Close all exterior vents, doors and windows
- ✓ Prop a ladder against the house to provide firefighters with easy access to the roof
- ✓ Make sure that all garden hoses are connected to faucets and attach nozzles
- ✓ Leave exterior doors unlocked and turn on outside lights
- ✓ Cover windows, attic openings and vents with plywood that is at least one-half inch thick
- ✓ Unlock side gates
- ✓ Fill trash cans and buckets with water and place where firefighters can find them

