



**Get ready to
be ready!**

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If you're here...chances are you live
somewhere threatened by
wildland fire...



...and if your home is threatened
by a fire, you may need to
evacuate quickly...



Plan to be as self-sufficient as possible...do not be reliant on already over-taxed public safety resources.

We will explore...

Things to consider prior to an evacuation:

- How will you secure your home?
- How will you secure your valuables?
- What is your family's plan?
- What about your pets and livestock?
- Do you have a Go-kit?

We will explore...

Things to consider when it's time to leave:

- Notification
- Transportation
- Orientation

Secure the outside of your home...

- Clear away combustibles
- Stow lawn furniture and other lightweight projectiles
- If possible, protect windows, doors, and vents
- Move LP tanks and grills



Secure the inside of your home...

- Utilities
- Window treatments
- Furniture
- Food storage (refrigerator & freezer)



How will you secure your valuables?

- Important papers
- Jewelry
- Firearms
- Heirlooms
- Data
- Home inventory



What is your family's plan?

- How will your family/household get emergency alerts and warnings?



- How will your family/household get to safe location?



What is your family's plan?

- How will I let loved ones know I am safe?
- How will family/household get to a meeting place after the emergency?



Some tips for pets and livestock...

- If you evacuate your home, **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND!**
- Ensure all animals have some form of identification.



Some tips for pets and livestock...

- If you are going to a public shelter, it is important to understand that pets may not be allowed inside. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives; consider loved ones or friends outside of your immediate area who would be willing to host you and your pets in an emergency.



Some tips for pets and livestock...

- Evacuate large animals whenever possible. Have predefined destinations and map out primary and secondary routes in advance. Know where to acquire vehicles and trailers needed for transporting and supporting each type of animal.



Some tips for pets and livestock...

- Make a back-up emergency plan in case you can't care for your animals yourself. Develop a buddy system to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. If evacuation is not possible, animal owners must decide whether to move large animals to shelter or turn them outside.

Do you have a go-kit?

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food (with manual can opener)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- First aid kit
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties
- Personal items (medication, diapers, clothing change, pet food, personal hygiene items)



When it's time to go...



Notification

- Listen to a battery-powered radio and follow local evacuation instructions.
- Follow your family's emergency plan.
- Leave a note telling others when you left and where you are going.
- Call or email the out-of-state contact in your family communications plan. Tell them where you are going.

When it's time to go...



Transportation

- If you have a car, keep a full tank of gas in it if an evacuation seems likely. Keep a half tank of gas in it at all times in case of an unexpected need to evacuate. Gas stations may be closed during emergencies and unable to pump gas during power outages. Plan to take one car per family to reduce congestion and delay.

When it's time to go...

Transportation

- Take your emergency supply kit.
- Wear sturdy shoes and clothing that provides some protection such as long pants, long-sleeved shirts and a cap.
- Check with neighbors who may need a ride.



Leave early.

When it's time to go...



Orientation

- Choose several destinations in different directions so you have options in an emergency.
- Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts; they may be blocked.
- Be alert for road hazards such as washed-out roads or bridges and downed power lines. Do not drive into flooded areas.

When it's time to go...



If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if you have to. Make arrangements with family, friends or your local government.



Where can I get more information?

- www.ready.gov
- <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/>
- http://www.rmiaa.org/catastrophes/stics/evacuation_plan.asp



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