

Living With Fire

Wildfire Evacuation Checklist

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

WHAT TO WEAR:

- 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 a flashlight and portable radio with you at all times
- Tune in to a local radio station and listen for instructions

PREPARE 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 the animals loose
- Notify Smith Valley Fire Protection District for assistance with animals if needed

PREPARE 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 the 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

TO-GO BAG:

- Important documents (bank, IRS, trust, investment, insurance policy, birth certificates, medical records)
- Credit, Debit and ATM cards
- Medications
- Prescription glasses
- Driver's license
- Passport
- Computer backup files

- 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
- Enough clothing for 3-5 days
- Family heirlooms, photo albums and videos

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 couches and easy chairs, to the center of the room
- Close fireplace damper
- Close any 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 set on "spray"
- Leave exterior doors and gates unlocked
- Turn on outside lights
- If available and if there's time, cover windows, attic openings, and vents with plywood that is at least one-half inch thick
- Fill trash cans and buckets with water and place where firefighters can find them

Be prepared! 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 immediately when asked.

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