

- Move overstuffed furniture, such as couches and easy chairs, to the center of the room
- Close fireplace damper

- If you have an emergency water source (pool, pond, etc.) and/or portable pump, clearly mark its availability so it can be seen from the street



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## What about the outside of my 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 if possible
- 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"
- Close all exterior doors and windows
- Leave exterior doors 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
- Wet down wood shake or shingle roofs before leaving
- 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, no telephone service, and poor water pressure.**

**Remember, there is nothing you own worth your life! Please evacuate immediately when asked by firefighters and law enforcement officials.**

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# Wildfire Evacuation Checklist



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*If a wildfire were approaching your neighborhood, would you be prepared to evacuate?*

If a wildfire approaches your neighborhood, this checklist can help you evacuate your home quickly and safely. Review this information now to prepare yourself for such an emergency.

### **What should I wear and have with me when I evacuate?**

- Wear only cotton or wool clothes. Proper attire includes 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

### **What about family members, pets, and livestock?**

- If possible, evacuate all family members not essential to preparing the house for wildfire
- Plan several evacuation routes from your home
- Make sure to 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
- Contact the local Humane Society or other organizations for assistance with animals if needed

### **How should I prepare my car?**

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

### **What should I take with me?**

- Important documents (bank, IRS, trust, investment, insurance policy, birth certificates, medical records)

- Credit 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 photo albums and videos
- Family heirlooms

### **How should I leave my 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