

# Evacuating From a Wildfire

When a wildfire evacuation order happens, it's important to act immediately. However, if you have time to prepare for the evacuation, packing up key items may be helpful. Here are some priority items to consider taking with you:

- ▶ Important family documents stored in fireproof and waterproof containers
- ▶ An extra set of car keys
- ▶ Credit cards
- ▶ Cash
- ▶ Your cell phone and/or tablet and charger
- ▶ A first aid kit with prescription medications for each family member and over-the-counter pain relievers
- ▶ Battery-powered radios
- ▶ Flashlights
- ▶ Extra batteries
- ▶ A three day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and non-perishable food
- ▶ A change of clothing and shoes for each person
- ▶ Blankets and/or sleeping bags for each member of your family
- ▶ Personal hygiene products
- ▶ Extra pairs of glasses and/or contacts
- ▶ Plastic garbage bags and ties
- ▶ Irreplaceable person items, such as family photos and other personal mementos



## Protect your home:

- ▶ Turn off utilities and the main gas valve
- ▶ Clean up flammable liquids, such as spilled bleaches, gasoline, or medicines
- ▶ Lock your doors

## Plan your escape:

- ▶ Know two routes out of your neighborhood or subdivision
- ▶ Wear protective clothing
- ▶ Call your family contact and arrange for temporary shelter for your family and pets
- ▶ Check on your neighbors, especially the elderly

## As you leave:

- ▶ Choose a route away from the fire
- ▶ Watch for changes in speed and direction of the fire
- ▶ Stay away from downed power lines

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