

Your evacuation checklist:

WILDFIRES CAN STRIKE SUDDENLY AND WITHOUT WARNING. EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WILL ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHEN EVACUATION IS NECESSARY, BUT THIS IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE. ADVANCE PREPARATION AND SITUATIONAL AWARENESS ARE REQUIRED. TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PREPARE TODAY.



Be prepared...

PREP YOUR COMMUNICATIONS:

- Keep** your cell phone fully charged.
- Maintain** your Go Kit.
- Notify** an out-of-area contact of your phone number, location and status. Update regularly.
- Leave** a note with your contact info and out-of-area contact taped to fridge or inside a front window.
- Check** on or call neighbors.

KEEP ON YOUR PERSON:

- Dress** all family members in long sleeves and long pants; heavy cotton or wool is best, no matter how hot it is.
- Wear** full coverage goggles, leather gloves, head protection such as a hard hat or helmet.
- Cover** faces with a dry cotton or wool bandanna or scarf over an N95 respirator.
- Tie** long hair back.
- Take** a headlamp and flashlight (even during the day).
- Carry** car keys, wallet, ID, cell phone, spare battery and charger.
- Drink** plenty of water, stay hydrated.
- Put** "Go Kits" (see right checklist) in your vehicle.

PETS AND ANIMALS:

- Locate** your pets and place in carriers when warning is issued. You won't be able to catch them when the fire approaches.
- Be sure your pets wear tags and are registered with microchips.
- Place** carriers (with your pets in them) near the front door, with fresh water and extra food.
- Prepare** horses and large animals for transport and consider moving them to a safe location early, before evacuation is ordered.



When you leave...

- Leave immediately** if ordered.
- Don't wait**—if you feel unsafe or conditions worsen, leave early.
- Assist** elderly or disabled neighbors.
- Carpool** with neighbors if possible to reduce traffic.
- Take** only essential vehicles with adequate fuel.
- In your car**, turn on headlights, close windows, turn on inside air and AC, tune to local radio.
- Drive steadily** and be observant. Obey the rules of the road.
- Proceed downhill**, away from the fire if possible. Know at least two routes, if possible.
- Take the fastest paved route** to a valley floor.
- Don't panic** in traffic. Close window, all doors and garage doors.

IF YOU ARE TRAPPED:

- Try to take shelter** in a building, car, or an open area; you are better protected inside a building or vehicle such as a playing field or parking lot.
- Don't** abandon your car in the road. If you must leave your car, park it off the road and consider options for shelter.
- Park** in an outside turn if trapped on a hillside in your car.
- Stay far from unburned** vegetation (30' or more); look for wide roads, parking lots, playing fields, etc.
- Evacuate on foot or bicycle only** as a last resort. A car provides better protection!
- Don't evacuate by** fire road, uphill, or into open-spaces near unburned vegetation unless directed by emergency personnel
- Remain calm**—panic is deadly.



If time allows...

IN SOME SITUATIONS WHEN EVACUATION IS ANTICIPATED, YOU MAY HAVE TIME TO PREPARE YOUR HOME TO GIVE IT A BETTER CHANCE OF SURVIVAL. LEARN MORE AT: WWW.FIRESAFEMARIN.ORG/EVACUATION



WILDFIRE & EMERGENCY Go Kit

- A copy of this flyer and map
- Prescriptions medications (ask your doctor for a multi day emergency supply, rotate annually)
- Battery & charger for cell phone
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- Extra set of car keys
- Credit cards, cash or traveler's checks
- First aid kit (compact)
- Headlamp and Flashlight (handheld)
- Battery-powered AM/FM radio
- Spare batteries
- Sanitation supplies
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, etc.)
- Sturdy shoes or boots
- Long sleeve shirt, long pants (natural fibers like cotton or wool, bright colors are best)
- Floppy cotton hat (to keep embers out of hair)
- Leather work gloves
- Full coverage goggles
- N95 respirator
- Cotton bandanna for face protection

PET SUPPLIES:

- Carriers for each pet
- Leashes
- Pet food and water

MAKE A LIST NOW OF ITEMS TO TAKE IF TIME ALLOWS:

- Easily carried valuables
- Family photos and other small, irreplaceable items
- PC data backups on hard drives and/or disks (offsite or "cloud" backup is best)
- Laptop or tablet & spare chargers



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