



Wildfire Preparedness and Response

Wildfire preparation involves a continuous process of planning, equipping, training and exercising. Planning for wildfires requires preparing your home by creating a defensible space and using fire-resistant features and identifying your evacuation routes, being familiar with and monitoring your community's warning and alert system. Also, establish

It is a very good idea to obtain additional equipment and/or resources (e.g. Emergency Supply Kits). In addition, family members need to be trained, and plans need to be practiced and familiar with what to do in the event of a wildfire and to account for family or individuals who get separated during the evacuation.

Create a Family Emergency Plan

- ☐ **Designate a Point of Contact** - Choose someone outside the immediate area to be your family's point of contact.
- ☐ **Emergency Contacts** - List of important phone numbers and contact information.
- ☐ **Evacuation Routes:** Identify and practice at least two escape routes from your home and neighborhood.
- ☐ **Sign Up for Alerts:** Register for local emergency alerts and information.

Prepare Your Bug-Out-Bag

- ☐ **Water and Food:** Pack at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food and at least three gallons of water per person.
- ☐ **Medications:** Include a 30-day supply of prescription medications, vitamins, and a spare pair of glasses or contacts.
- ☐ **Important Documents:** Keep documents in a fire safe, accessible location or on a phone with a secure backup. Documents include but are not limited to:
 - Driver's license
 - trust
 - investment
 - insurance policy
 - birth certificates
 - medical records
 - passports
 - ATM, credit and debit cards
- ☐ **First Aid:** Pack a compact first aid kit.
- ☐ **Communication:** Include a battery-powered or hand-crank radio with extra batteries and a portable power bank for your cell phone.
- ☐ **Sanitation:** Pack toiletries, hand sanitizer, and baby wipes. (Keep a Hygiene Kit ready).
- ☐ **Other Essentials:** Include cash, extra car keys, and a change of clothes.

Prepare Your Bug-Out-Clothes

- ☐ **Enough clothing for 3-5 days**
- ☐ **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, and goggles.**

Prepare Your Home

- ☐ **Fire-Free Zone:** Keep a 30-50 (the wider the better) foot zone around your home clear of flammable materials by removing leaves, brush and debris.
- ☐ **Fire-Resistant Materials:** Use fire-resistant building materials for new constructions, renovations, or repairs.



- ☐ **Secure Your Home:** Close all doors, windows, and vents to keep out embers before leaving.
- ☐ **Outdoor Belongings:** Move or discard combustible items like lawn furniture, grills, and trash cans.

Know When and How to Evacuate

- ☐ **Follow Official Orders** - Evacuate immediately when authorities issue an order.
- ☐ **Bug-Out Clothes** - Keep a set of cotton or wool clothing (long pants, long-sleeved shirt, hat) and sturdy boots near your bed for immediate use.
- ☐ **Bug-Out-Bag Placement** - Store your "go-bag" in an easily accessible location, like a closet, and have it ready to go.
- ☐ **Pets and Livestock** - Prepare a go-bag for pets with food, water, carriers, and leashes, and plan to evacuate

Keep an inventory of these items and hold them in a secure, easily accessible location in preparation for a wildfire event. (Some items may not be applicable in all situations). Perform an inventory at least semi-annually to ensure items like batteries, radios, flashlights, generators and fuel are working.

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| ☐ Batteries | ☐ Latex |
| ☐ Bedding | ☐ Hand sanitizers (Waterless) |
| ☐ Blankets | ☐ Hand tools |
| ☐ Bleach | ☐ Hand Saw |
| ☐ Rubber Boots | ☐ Screw Drivers |
| ☐ Bottled drinking water | ☐ Hammers |
| ☐ Bug repellent | ☐ Pliers |
| ☐ Bungee cords | ☐ Hard hats** |
| ☐ Cash | ☐ Lighters |
| ☐ Canned and non-perishable foods | ☐ Plastic bags - Trash |
| ☐ Documents* | ☐ Plastic sheeting |
| ☐ Coolers | ☐ Rain gear |
| ☐ Cutting tools/razor blades | ☐ Ropes |
| ☐ Digital camera | ☐ Safety goggles/ Glasses |
| ☐ Dust masks | ☐ Sand |
| ☐ Eating utensils | ☐ Sandbags |
| ☐ Extension cords | ☐ Spot/Flood lights |
| ☐ Fire extinguishers | ☐ Straps/ Ratchet |
| ☐ First Aid kits/ Medical supplies | ☐ Duct tape |
| ☐ Medications | ☐ Tarpaulins |
| ☐ Flashlights | ☐ Tie down kits/ Ground anchors |
| ☐ Gas wrench | ☐ Tie wraps/ Zip Ties |
| ☐ Gloves: | ☐ Toiletries/ Hygiene Kit |
| ☐ ☐ Leather | ☐ Waterproof matches |
| ☐ ☐ Nitrile | ☐ Hand-held, Portable radios** |
| ☐ ☐ Rubber | ☐ Whistles |

Notes:

* During total destruction events, all important documents such as drivers' license, passport, social security card, banking account, medical, mortgage and property ownership and insurance documents. Having a copy of these in a fire-box or handheld fire-safe greatly reduces the risk of taking months or years to replace them.

** Monitor conditions for developments using the local services on television, commercial radio, NOAA Weather Radio, or any reliable websites that track and monitor the wildfire.