

FIRE PREPARATION INFORMATION

"BE READY WHEN IT'S TIME TO GO"

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Fire Preparation Information

*"We know we need to Prepare.
Disasters Happen Every Day.
Personal. Disaster Preparedness. Emergency
Preparation. Are You Ready?" -O'Conner*

*Thank you for requesting our Fire Preparation
information Booklet.*

*Our hope is to inspire and encourage readers to ready
themselves in the event of a wildfire emergency...*

- Mark & Darci Richardson



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Emergency Evacuation Grab & Go List

Level 3 5 Min. Evacuation

- Wallet or Purse
- Car, House, and RV Keys
- Cell Phone, Chargers
- Medications
- Medical devices
- CPAP, Cane, etc.
- Glasses
- External Hard Drive, Laptop, Charger
- Shoes, Jacket
- 72-hour pack
- Go binder
- Emergency Folder (Important documents: Passports - Birth Certificates - Proof of Residency - Insurance Cards - Utility Bill)

Level 2 15 Min. Evacuation

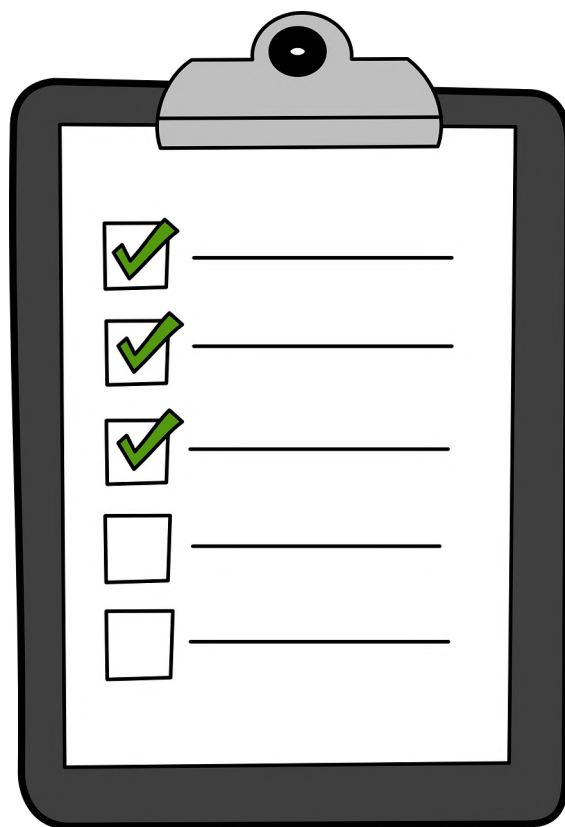
- Photo Containers
- Several changes of clothes
- Family photos
- Case of bottled water
- Sleeping bags and pads
- First Aid Kit

Level 2.5 30 Min. Evacuation

- Journals
- Cooler with snacks
- Battery Powered Radio
- Blankets/quilts
- Porta Potty
- Flashlights
- Tent

Level 1 1 Hour Evacuation

- Air mattress
- Camp Stove
- Shovel
- Fire Extinguisher



WILDFIRE


|Wildland Urban Hazards

A Natural element of varied ecosystems of California, wildfire is one of the most feared, fought and controversial components of our physical environment.

Wildfires are unplanned wildland fires. They spread quickly through forest and rangelands. They are non-discriminatory and do not stop until they have run out of fuel or are stopped.

The wildland/urban interface (WUI) refers to areas where people have built homes in or near adjacent wildland areas and conservation easements.

Community members living in the wildland/urban interface (WUI) need to be prepared to evacuate themselves, their pets and their livestock in the event of a wildfire disaster.



60 percent of lives lost to wildland fire are of those that chose to stay and wait and see, and then evacuated too late.

WILDFIRE

Wildland Urban Hazards

As fire nears - be ready when it's time to go:

- o Close or cover outside vents and shutters.
- o Position garden hoses so they reach the entire house.
- o Place large, full water containers around the house.
- o Place a ladder against the roof of the house on the opposite side of the approaching wildfire.
- o Place a garden hose near the ladder.
- o Place portable pumps near available water supplies, such as pools, hot tubes, creeks, etc.
- o Close all windows and doors. Do not lock them.
- o Close all inside doors.
- o Turn on a light in each room, and all outside lights.
- o Leave them on even during daylight hours.
- o Fill tubs, sinks, and any other containers with water.
- o Shut off the gas at the outside meter or the propane tank.
- o Remove lace, nylon or any other drapes and curtains made from light material. Close Venetian blinds, heavy drapes or fire-resistant window coverings.
- o Move overstuffed furniture into the center of the house, away from windows and sliding glass doors.
- o Park your car in the garage, facing out. Close the windows but do not lock the doors. Leave the keys in the ignition.
- o Close the garage door but leave it unlocked.

DON'T WAIT TO BE TOLD TO EVACUATE.

If you are uncomfortable with the situation, LEAVE.

It is unwise to shelter in place during a FIRE.

Some areas of the United States use a three-stage evacuation warning system.

Level 1: A Level 1 Evacuation means "BE READY" for potential evacuation.

- Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area, monitor emergency services websites and local media outlets for information,
- This is the time for preparation and precautionary movement of persons with special needs, mobile property and (under certain circumstances) pets and livestock. If conditions worsen, emergency services personnel may contact you via emergency notification system.

Level 2: A Level 2 Evacuation means "BE SET" to evacuate.

- **BE PREPARED TO LEAVE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE**
This level indicates there is significant danger to your area, and residents should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area, or if choosing to remain, to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Residents MAY have time to gather necessary item but doing so is at their own risk.
- **THIS MAY BE THE ONLY NOTICE THAT YOU RECEIVE**
Emergency services cannot guarantee that they will be able to notify you if conditions rapidly deteriorate. Area media services will be asked to broadcast periodic updates.

Level 3: A Level 3 Evacuation means "GO" evacuate NOW.

- **LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!** Danger to your area is current or imminent, and you should evacuate immediately. If you choose to ignore this advisement, you must understand that emergency services may not be available to assist you further.
- **DO NOT** delay leaving to gather any belongings or make efforts to protect your home.
- **THIS WILL BE THE LAST NOTICE THAT YOU RECEIVE.**
- Entry to evacuated areas may be denied until conditions are safe. Radio and TV stations have been asked to broadcast periodic updates.



Valuable Documents Check List:

Valuable documents are difficult to gather under the pressure of the emergency and often even harder to replace. This check list will help you ensure all are gathered before a crisis. A copy should also be placed in a system like Google Drive, Dropbox or Evernote – we prefer to backup to all three.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificates | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Provider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage Documents | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce Documents | <input type="checkbox"/> Logins & Passwords |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Documents | <input type="checkbox"/> Banking Documents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Documents | <input type="checkbox"/> Debit & Credit Card Numbers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death Certificates | <input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate Keys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Custody Documents | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Deposit Box Info |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Titles – Auto, Home, Business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Passports | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Policies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Leases | <input type="checkbox"/> Wills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Deeds | <input type="checkbox"/> Living Wills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Mortgages | <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Photos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Tax Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Keepsakes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Tax Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Inventory of Home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions | <input type="checkbox"/> Inventory of Office |
| <input type="radio"/> Medicines | <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Vehicle |
| <input type="radio"/> Eye Glasses | |
| <input type="radio"/> Contacts | |
| <input type="radio"/> Shoes | |



Support Services Number:

Immediate Disaster Case Management: Call the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** at **855-742-5989** to talk with trained case managers who can assist recovery by referring you to available resources.

Crisis Counseling: Call the **Federal Disaster Help Line** at **800-985-5990** or text **TalkWithUs** to **66746** to talk to a professional who can help you cope with emotional distress from the storm.

Help For Veterans: Call the **U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs' Health Resource Center Disaster Hotline** at **800-507-4571** or visit VA website at va.gov/.

Older Adults and those with Disabilities or Access or Functional Needs:
Contact your local independent living center.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA): If you are out of work or lost income due to Hurricane Harvey and do not qualify for regular unemployment benefits, you may be eligible for DUA.

Disaster Legal Services: Call the **Disaster Hotline** at **800-504-7030** to receive legal assistance. Visit the National Disaster Legal Aid website disasterlegalaid.org for other sources of legal assistance.

Tax Relief: Visit the IRS website at irs.gov for more information on tax relief for federal disaster survivors.

Stay in Touch with FEMA: If you haven't registered, need to update changes to your contact information or find more information on types of assistance, call **FEMA** at **800-621-3362** or go online at DisasterAssistance.gov.