

## Make A Kit

Keep a pair of old shoes and a flashlight handy for a night evacuation.

Keep the six "P's" ready, in case an immediate evacuation is required:

People and pets

Papers, phone numbers, & important documents

Prescriptions, vitamins, and eyeglasses

Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia

Personal computers (hard drive and disks)

"Plastic" (credit cards, ATM cards) and

cash

## Alert family and neighbors:

Dress in appropriate clothing (i.e., clothing made from natural fibers, such as cotton, and work boots). Have goggles and a dry bandana or particle mask handy.

Ensure that you have your brush fire survival kit on hand that includes necessary items, such as a battery powered radio, spare batteries, emergency contact numbers, and ample drinking water.

Stay tuned to your TV or local radio stations for updates, or check the fire department website.

Remain close to your house, drink plenty of water and keep an eye on your family and pets if you did not evacuate.

## OUTSIDE CHECKUST

- Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside (e.g., patio furniture, children's toys, door mats, etc.) or place them in your pool.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Connect garden hoses to outside taps.
- Don't leave sprinklers on or water running, they can waste critical water pressure.
- Leave exterior lights on
- Back your car into the garage. Shut doors and roll up windows.
- Have a ladder available.
- Patrol your property and extinguish all small fires.
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.

## INSIDE CHECKUST

- Shut all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked.
- Remove flammable window shades and curtains and close metal shutters.
- Remove lightweight curtains.
- Move flammable furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.
- Shut off gas at the meter. Turn off pilot lights.
- Leave your lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.
- Shut off the air conditioning.



- D Create a **Family Disaster Plan** that includes meeting locations and communication plans and rehearse it regularly. Include in your plan the evacuation of large animals such as horses.
- D Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them.
- D Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric, and water main shut-off controls are and how to use them.
- D Plan several different escape routes.
- D Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire hazard area.
- D Assemble an emergency supply kit as recommended by the American Red Cross.
- D Appoint an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact so you can communicate with family members who have relocated.
- D Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers posted near your phone and in your emergency supply kit.
- D Keep an extra emergency supply kit in your car in case you can't get to your home because of fire.
- D Have a portable radio or scanner so you can stay updated on the fire.
- D Tell your neighbor about Ready! Set! Go! and your Wildfire Action Plan.