



ELK CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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WILDLAND FIRE EVACUATION CHECKLIST FOR **MAKING YOUR OWN CHECKLIST**

Use this checklist to guide you through preparing a custom checklist for you and your family. If a wildfire is threatening your home and you need to evacuate...

- _____ Plan ahead, especially if you work down the hill.
- _____ Register your cell phone to receive reverse 911 calls.
- _____ Have a safe meeting place and a contact person.
- _____ Keep your contact person advised of your status and plans.
- _____ If possible, evacuate all family members and pets not essential to preparing the house first.
- _____ If you have pets, plan for them, keep them close, cages / carriers / trailers.
- _____ Put your car in the garage, facing out, with keys in the ignition. Have an extra set with you.
- _____ Roll up all car windows.
- _____ Close your garage door, disconnect the garage door opener, keep door unlocked.
- _____ Fill-up your car's gas tank.

Collect the following items and put them in your car:

- _____ Important documents (bank, IRS, trust, investments, insurance policy, birth certificates, medical records)
- _____ Credit and ATM cards get some cash
- _____ Medications
- _____ Prescription glasses
- _____ Driver license
- _____ Passport
- _____ Drinking water, food
- _____ Computer backup files (digital photos); back-up hard drive
- _____ Inventory of home contents (consider videotaping or photos if time)
- _____ Address / phone book for when your cell phone dies
- _____ Cell phone and charger
- _____ Family photos and videos
- _____ Family heirlooms, Jewelry
- _____ Change of cloths, toiletries
- _____ Pet food, water bowl, pet medication, leash, favorite toy, photo of pet.

Have the following with you

- _____ Wear cotton or wool cloths, long pants, long sleeve shirt, and boots

- _____ Have gloves, bandanna, goggles with you
- _____ Have a flashlight and portable radio
- _____ Map of the area with different escape routes, follow PD or FD directions

Inside the house:

- _____ Close all interior doors
- _____ Leave a light on in each room
- _____ Remove lightweight, curtains and other combustibles from around windows
- _____ Close fire-resistant drapes, shutters and venetian blinds
- _____ Turn off the gas at the tank or meter
- _____ Move overstuffed furniture to the center of the room

Outside the house:

- _____ Place combustible patio furniture in the house or garage
- _____ Shut off propane at the tank or natural gas at the meter
- _____ Close all exterior vents if possible and cover
- _____ Close all windows and doors, leave unlocked
- _____ Turn on your outside lights
- _____ Connect your garden hoses to faucets and attach nozzles
- _____ Move BBQ tanks uphill and away from the house
- _____ If time, cover windows, attic openings, and vents with plywood at least one-half inch thick.
- _____ Place a ladder against the house to the roof on the opposite side the fire is advancing from

Be prepared!

**It will likely be dark, smoky, windy, and hot.
There may be airborne embers, no power and no phone service.**

There is nothing you own that is worth your life.