

WILDFIRE SAFETY

Use this fact sheet to prepare your evacuation plan and safety action plan for your family and pets. **Remember to stay COVID-19 safe during any wildfire emergency and/or evacuation.** For more information on preparing your home for a wildfire, go to the FEMA website at [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov).

Wildfire Safety Action Plan

Create an Evacuation Plan

- Designate a meeting location outside the fire or hazard area.
- Plan several different escape routes away from your home.
- Don't wait too long to evacuate – be smart and follow emergency instructions.
- Develop a specific evacuation plan for pets and large animals.
- Develop a family communications plan that designates an out-of-area contact to check in with as a single source of communications.
- Review the plan often with your family, update it, and practice it.

Be Prepared

- Monitor local authorities' news sources and all emergency alerts constantly.
- Sign up for emergency alerts in your area.
- Have fire extinguishers and train the family on how to use them.
- Make sure your family knows how to turn off utilities.
- Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit sufficient for the family; including pets.
- Have an alternate way to charge your mobile phone.
- Keep emergency supplies in your car.
- Have a portable radio in the car if necessary.

Protecting Yourself from Wildfire Smoke

- Constantly monitor the air quality in your area (there are many websites for this).
- Smoke from wildland fires is toxic and contains particulate matter, which is dangerous.
- Keep all windows and doors closed; use air conditioning on recirculate mode.
- Avoid going outside as much as possible.
- When going outside, preferably wear an N95 mask, which is designed to filter out particulates.
- Consider relocating vulnerable people with pre-existing conditions to another area, completely away from the fire.

Six "P's" for Immediate Evacuation

- People and pets
- Papers, phone numbers, and important documents
- Prescriptions, vitamins, eyeglasses
- Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia
- Personal computer, hard drives, digital storage media, and mobile devices
- "Plastic" (credit cards and ATM cards), and cash