



Household Pre-Evacuation Order Checklist

It is critical that you follow all verified local emergency instructions for evacuation. Below is a list of recommended actions you can take to protect yourselves, families, pets, home and property based on evacuation order status.

Mandatory Evacuation Order – Prepare People and Pets

- **Evacuate immediately.** Early evacuation is the safest.
- **Load medications, important documents, supplies and pets** into your vehicle.

Voluntary Evacuation Order – Prepare Your Home

- **Move your car** from the garage. Park car in driveway facing out with keys in the ignition for a quick exit. Disconnect automatic garage door opener for quick access if the power goes out.
- **Close windows, skylights, and pet doors.** Seal up gaps around doors with metal tape.
- **Shut off gas at the meter.** Turn off propane tanks and move them 30 feet away from the structure or place inside the garage.
- **Close fireplace screens** and/or doors.
- **Place combustible patio furniture, doormats, or other flammable items inside** or at least 30 feet away from structures.
- **Turn on a light in each room in your house** to increase visibility of your home in heavy smoke.
- **Alert out-of-area family members/friends** that you are preparing to evacuate and share your plans.

Near Evacuation Zones, But Not in Any Evacuation Status – Prepare Your Property

- **Evacuate or prepare backyard livestock.**
- **Review anticipated evacuation routes.**
- **Record your belongings** to help with the insurance and recovery process
- **Seal attic and ground vents** with pre-cut plywood, heavy aluminum foil, or metal tape.
- **Fill garbage cans and buckets with water** and place in front of the house.
- **Erect ladders against house** and place fire-fighting tools (metal rake/shovel) in front of the house.
- For secondary water sources (pool/pond/water tank), **set up a portable gasoline-powered pump.**