Household Pre-Evacuation Order Checklist

Follow all verified local emergency instructions for evacuation.

Evacuation Order Status

Task



Mandatory Evacuation Order

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

HOME



Voluntary **Evacuation** Order

- ☐ **Move your car** from the garage. Park car in driveway facing out with keys in the ignition for a guick 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 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 to increase the visibility of your home in heavy smoke.
- ☐ Alert out-of-area family members or friends that you are preparing to evacuate and share your plans.

PROPERTY



Near evacuation zones, but not in any evacuation status

- ☐ 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 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.