

# PREPARING FOR WILDFIRES



## EVACUATION PLAN

Develop and practice your plan with everyone in your home – including your pets.



Know two ways out of your neighborhood.

Pack a portable Emergency Supply Kit.



Save out of town emergency contacts in your mobile phone.

Coordinate a designated, safe meeting place away from your home.



## KEEP YOUR CELLPHONE FULLY CHARGED!

## PROTECT YOUR HOME

### REMOVE

Remove leaves and debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks and remove all dead vegetation around your house. Don't forget under your deck or porch.

### MOVE

Move any flammable materials (firewood stacks, propane tanks) should be at least 30 feet from your home, garage and shed.

### REPLACE

Replace or repair loose or missing shingles and cover exterior vents with metal wire mesh to prevent embers from entering your home.

### WATER

Water and maintain your lawn. Cut down any dead vegetation and dispose of all cuttings quickly. Prune trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.

## DURING THE TIME A WILDFIRE IS IN YOUR AREA...

1. Keep up to date with the latest news and updates from your local news and fire department.
2. Place your emergency supply kit and other valuables in your vehicle. Don't forget crates and emergency supplies for your pets!
3. Follow the **PROTECT YOUR HOME** guidelines above. Also move all outdoor wooden furniture, patio cushions, door mats, potted plants, wooden containers indoors or as far away from your home as possible.
4. Connect your garden hoses. Firefighters may need your water to put out fires on rooftops!
5. If your home is at risk of being threatened, leave before you're told to evacuate. If evacuation orders are given, leave immediately for your personal safety and so you do not block firefighters and equipment from accessing your area.

## ONLY RETURN HOME WHEN AUTHORITIES SAY IT IS SAFE.



Learn more about how to protect your home and property from your local fire department. [NFPA.org](http://NFPA.org) is also a great resource.

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## PACK A PORTABLE EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

A waterproof backpack or suitcase on wheels is great!



Collar with your pet's current identification and rabies tags, as well as a secure leash/harness.



Bowls, lots of water and food for at least three days, as well as items for clean up like plastic bags or a litter and litter pan.



Blanket, flashlight & batteries, liquid soap and baby wipes.



Collapsible crate or pet carrier, blanket or sheet to cover the crate for pet's solitude and your pet's favorite toy for comfort.



Human and animal first aid kits. Don't forget to pack prescribed medications for you and your pet, too... including flea and tick treatment!



Fully-charged cell phone. Scan this QR code to add AKC Reunite to your contacts so you never miss our call!

