

PLAN AHEAD WILDFIRE EVACUATION CHECKLIST

Review this information now to prepare yourself for a quick & safe evacuation.



WHAT TO WEAR:

- Wear only cotton or wool clothes, including long pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, a hat, and boots.
- Carry gloves and a face covering
- Keep your cell phone, a flashlight, and portable radio with you at all times.
- Tune in to a local radio station and listen for instructions.

PREPARE FAMILY MEMBERS, PETS, AND LIVESTOCK:

- Make sure all family members know the plan in case of evacuation
- If possible, evacuate all family members not essential to preparing the house for wildfire.
- Plan several evacuation routes from your home.
- Designate a safe meeting place and contact person.
- Relay your plans to a contact person.
- Evacuate pets and livestock whenever possible and never turn the animals loose.
- Notify your local Humane Society or other organizations for assistance with animals if needed.
- Be aware of your emergency notification system

PREPARE VEHICLE:

- If you can lift your garage door manually, place vehicle in the garage pointing out with the keys in the ignition and disconnect the electric garage door opener. If not, park in your driveway facing out.

- Roll up the car windows.
- Close the garage door, but leave it unlocked.
- Place essential items in the car.
- If you do not drive, make other arrangements for transportation in advance.

INSIDE THE HOME:

- Close all interior doors.
- Leave a light on in each room so the firefighters can see your house in the dark.
- Remove lightweight, non-fire-resistant curtains and other combustible materials from around windows.
- Close fire-resistant drapes, shutters, and blinds.
- Turn off all pilot lights.
- Move overstuffed furniture, such as couches and easy chairs, to the center of the room.
- Close fireplace damper.
- Close or block off any doggie-doors.
- Inventory of home contents (consider making a video inventory now, prior to an emergency)

OUTSIDE THE HOME:

- Place combustible patio furniture in the house or garage.
- Shut off propane at the tank or natural gas at the meter and place portable tanks >10 meters from the house
- Close all exterior vents, doors, and windows.
- Prop a noncombustible ladder against the house to provide firefighters with easy access to the roof.
- Make sure that all garden hoses are connected to faucets and attach nozzles set on "spray".

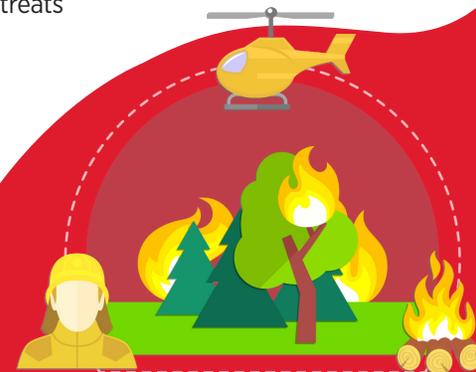
- Leave exterior doors and gates unlocked.
- Turn on outside lights.
- If available and if there's time, cover windows, attic openings, and vents with plywood that is at least one-half inch thick.
- Fill trash cans and buckets with water and place where firefighters can find them.
- Take photographs of the exterior of the house and landscape for insurance purposes

BABY ITEMS

- Baby Food
- Bottles
- Medications
- Diapers
- Wipes

PET ITEMS

- Kennel
- Water
- Medications
- Vaccination records
- Leash, collar and ID tag
- Food and treats



PLAN AHEAD WILDFIRE GRAB & GO BAG

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EMERGENCY KIT

- Cash - coins and small bills
- Portable radio
- Flashlights
- Extra batteries
- Cell phone charger and extra battery banks
- Whistle
- Pen & notepad
- Emergency blanket for each member
- Jacket or hoodie
- Enough clothing for 3-5 days
- A couple of big garbage bags (could be used as a poncho or for garbage)
- Family heirlooms, photo albums and videos
- 1 toy per kid
- Board games (cards)

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

- Important documents (bank, IRS, trust, investment, insurance policy, birth certificates, medical records)
- ATM, credit and debit cards
- Driver's license
- Passport

MEDICAL

- Medications & copy of prescriptions
- Prescription glasses
- Small first aid kit

FOOD ITEMS

- 2 litres of water for each person (also for pets!)
- High energy snacks

TOILETRIES

- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Soap and/or hand sanitizer

- Comb and/or brush
- Toilet paper
- Feminine hygiene items
- A small towel

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Be prepared! It will likely be dark, smoky, windy, and hot. There may be airborne burning embers, no power or telephone, and poor water pressure. Remember, there is nothing you own worth your life! Please evacuate immediately when asked.



✓ Last-Minute Checklist for Protecting Your Home and Property from Wildfire



Evacuation Tips

Monitor conditions and follow the advice of local authorities.

If ordered to evacuate, do so immediately.

	<p>Review your evacuation plan for your family and pets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Visit www.getprepared.gc.ca for helpful tips and evacuation plan templates.
	<p>Have your “ready to go kit” (emergency kit) ready and stocked with cash, portable radio, prescription medications, eye glasses, change of clothes, pet food, flashlights and batteries, etc. Make sure your phone numbers, insurance information and other important documents for your go bag are current.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Visit www.getprepared.gc.ca for a more complete list of emergency supplies.
	<p>Before evacuating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Turn off air conditioning.Turn off your home water, electricity and gas.Close all doors, garage doors and windows. If weather seal or doors have gaps, seal with duct tape.



Quickly address outside surroundings

Complete a scan around your home and property and take steps to remove combustibles.

	<p>Remove leaves, pine needles and other debris from your roof and gutters.</p>
	<p>Mow grass and weeds within 10 metres of the house to 10 centimetres in length, or less.</p>
	<p>Clear all dead plants, leaves, and weeds within 10 metres of your home. Maintain a 1.5 metre non-combustible zone around your home and deck by sweeping or raking down to mineral soil, rock or concrete.</p>
	<p>Move combustible items such as toys, patio furniture, cushions, decorative items, firewood, and potted plants, that are on and under your deck and within 10 metres of your home. Move all combustible items into your home or garage.</p>
	<p>If you have a propane tank located on your property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Propane tanks should be moved to 10 metres away from structures.Remove weeds and other debris from area around large stationary propane tanks so there is no combustible material near tank.
	<p>If you have a combustible fence that attaches to your home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Secure gate in an open position.Clear vegetation and debris along both sides of combustible fence lines.



Check around the house

Check vents on roof, foundation and exterior walls to prevent embers from entering your home.

	<p>Check your attic and foundation (crawl space) vents to see if they are screened and in good repair. Use duct or metal tape to temporarily cover damaged vents and those with 3 millimetres mesh screening.</p>
	<p>If you store cardboard boxes and other easily ignited materials near a vent in your attic or crawl space, move them as far away as possible from vent(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Another option is to place tape over vent(s) at these locations. Be sure to remove tape when you return home.
	<p>Cover dryer vents and wall-mounted make-up air openings for furnaces with a plywood cover, metal tape or duct tape.</p>



Visit www.firesmartcanada.ca for additional resources and information.