

BEFORE & DURING THE FIRE (READY, SET, GO)

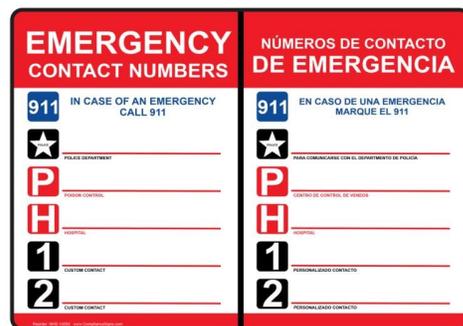
Creating a Wildland Fire Action Plan

When a fire sparks, your adrenaline gets pumping, reasonable thought processes get frazzled, and everything gets a bit frantic. **In order to avoid some initial confusion spurred by the news of an approaching fire, you and the members of your household SHOULD be prepared well in advance.**

Use these checklists to help devise your own unique [Wildland Fire Action Plan](#). Each family's plan will be different. *Once your plan is complete, rehearse it regularly, and keep it in a safe and accessible place for quick implementation.*

Ready – Get Your Property & Family Ready

- Sign up for [CodeRED](#) to receive emergency alerts (*Need to Know* section).
- Install a [9-1-1 Reflective Address Sign](#) at the end of your driveway or on your house if your house is on the main thoroughfare (see page 9).
- Have tools, such as a shovel, rake, bucket, and hoe, available for fire emergencies.
- Install smoke alarms on each level of your home, inside and outside of all bedrooms. Test them monthly and change the batteries twice a year. Train your family how to use them.
- Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric, and water main shut-off controls are and how to use them.
- Plan several different evacuation routes.
- Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire hazard area.
- Assemble an emergency supply kit for you and your pets.
- Appoint an out-of-area friend/relative as a point of contact so you can communicate with family members who relocate.
- Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers posted near your door and in your emergency supply kit.
- Keep an extra emergency supply kit in your car in case you can't get to your home because of fire.
- Make sure you account for the evacuation of large animals, such as horses or cattle, in your Wildland Fire Action Plan.
- Especially if a second-homeowner, consider getting a [Knox Rapid Access System/Padlock](#) for faster access to your driveway / home by first responders.



Set – Situational Awareness When a Fire Starts

- Evacuate as soon as you are set! Don't wait!
- Alert family and neighbors so they know you have left your home. Leave a note on the door for firefighters if possible.
- Dress in appropriate clothing (i.e., clothing made from natural fibers, such as cotton, and work boots). Have goggles and a dry bandana or particle mask handy.
- Ensure that you have your emergency supply kit on hand. It should include all necessary items, a battery-powered radio, spare batteries, emergency contact numbers, and ample drinking water (**see Emergency Supply Kit on next page**).
- Stay tuned to your TV or local radio stations for updates.
- If you are not ready to leave, remain close to your house, drink plenty of water, and keep an eye on your family and pets.

INSIDE CHECKLIST

- Shut all windows and doors, but leave them UNLOCKED.
- Shut off gas at the meter. Turn off pilot lights.
- Leave interior lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.

OUTSIDE CHECKLIST

- Gather up flammable items from the exterior and move them inside/away from home.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Do NOT leave sprinklers on or water running - it can waste critical water pressure.
- Leave exterior lights on.
- Back your car into the driveway, shut the doors, and roll up the windows.
- Have a ladder and garden hoses available for firefighters.
- Seal attic and ground vents with precut plywood or commercial seals (*only if time permits*).
- Patrol your property and extinguish all small fires until you leave.



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Set Continued – Situational Awareness When a Fire Starts

IF YOU ARE TRAPPED: SURVIVAL TIPS

- Shelter away from outside walls.
- Bring garden hoses inside the house so embers don't destroy them.
- Patrol inside your home for spot fires and extinguish them.
- Wear long sleeves and long pants made of natural fibers, such as cotton.
- Stay hydrated.
- Ensure you can exit the home if it catches fire (REMEMBER... if it is hot inside your home, it is 4-5 times hotter outside).
- Fill sinks and tubs for an emergency water supply.
- Place wet towels under doors to keep smoke and embers out.
- After the fire has passed, check your roof and extinguish any fires, sparks, and embers.
- Check inside the attic for hidden embers.
- Patrol your property and extinguish small fires.
- If there are fires that you cannot extinguish with a small amount of water or in a short period of time, call 9-1-1.

Go! – Act Early

By leaving early, you give your family the best chance of surviving a wildfire. You also help firefighters by keeping roads clear of congestion, enabling them to move more freely and do their job in a safer environment.

When to Leave

Leave early enough to avoid being caught in fire, smoke, or road congestion. Do NOT wait to be told by authorities to leave. In an intense wildfire, authorities may not have time to knock on every door. If you are advised to leave, do NOT hesitate! If you receive an emergency notification call, LISTEN carefully to the message and follow the directions given.

Where to Go

Leave to a predetermined location (it should be a low-risk area, such as a well-prepared friend or relative's house, a Red Cross shelter or evacuation center, hotel, etc.). If an Evacuation Center has been stood up, go there to let them know you are safe.

How To Get There

Know **MULTIPLE** travel routes out of your community in case one route is blocked by wildfire or emergency vehicles. Choose the safest route away from the fire.

What to Take

Take your **EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT** containing your family's and pet's necessary items. **The American Red Cross recommends every family have an Emergency Supply Kit assembled long before a wildland fire or other emergency occurs.** Use the list below to help assemble your kit. You can also check out www.redcross.org.

72-HOUR SURVIVAL KIT

When disaster strikes, emergency services and government agencies may not be able to respond to your needs immediately. You should be prepared to take care of yourself for a minimum of three days. You should have a ready-to-go **72-hour kit** wherever you are.

FOODS: Crackers, Granola Bars, Candies, peanut butter	MINI FIRST AID KIT: Alcohol, Betadine, Band Aids, Important Medications, Scissors	PERSONAL HYGIENE: Hand sanitizer, Wet Wipes, Ear buds
BOTTLED WATER	REMEMBER: This is only a bare bones kit. You can add things to this list that you will need.	CASH
MINI FLASHLIGHT. Don't forget your batteries.	WHISTLE. To call for help.	PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD and other IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

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Emergency Supply Kit

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day)◆ Three-day supply of non-perishable food for all family members and pets◆ First aid kit and sanitation supplies◆ Flashlight, battery-powered radio, and extra batteries◆ An extra set of car keys, credit cards, and cash◆ Extra eyeglasses, contact lenses, prescriptions, and medications | <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Map marked with evacuation routes◆ Important family documents and contact numbers◆ Easily carried valuables, family photos, heirlooms, and other irreplaceable items◆ Personal electronic devices◆ Chargers for electronic devices (cellphones, laptops, iPads, etc...)◆ A pair of old shoes and a flashlight in a handy spot in case of sudden evacuation at night |
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