

TIPS FOR EVACUATION PREPARATION

Don't wait until a wildfire actually threatens to think about what to do. Here's how to prepare now.

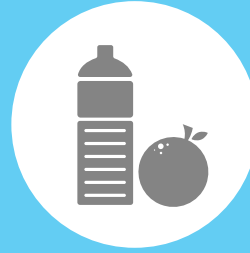
Have your insurance papers, plus other important financial or personal information on hand. Upload electronic versions to cloud storage.



Keep a duffel or backpack ready. Include a few changes of clothing and also medication for several days.

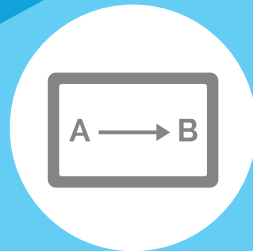


Store water and food. If you lose power you may need several days worth. Fill the bathtub with water for flushing.



Collect an emergency kit: a radio, flashlight, batteries, cell phone charger, first aid supplies, dust mask, whistle, pen and paper, and a few basic tools.

Know where to go. Let family and friends know your plans. Also, don't just rely on your GPS, take a map as well, and keep the car fueled.



Remember the pets. They will need food and water, too, plus a crate if you end up in a hotel or shelter.



These preparations will help your family deal with this year's intense wildfire risk. Find details on kit preparation from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). <http://www.ready.gov/>