

# EVACUATION CHECKLIST

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An evacuation can be required for a number of reasons. For example, wildfires can grow and move quickly, and emergency services may not be available to rescue you when wildfires come close. You need to be ready to evacuate when ordered, or when conditions become dangerous.

*If you are near wildlands, you don't need to have brush in your backyard to be affected by wildfires.*

## WHILE PLANNING TO EVACUATE, TAKE THESE STEPS AND HAVE THESE ITEMS READY TO GO

### HAVE MULTIPLE WAYS TO GET AN ALERT, EVEN IF POWER GOES OUT

- RiversideAlert (Sign up at [RiversideAlert.com](http://RiversideAlert.com))
- Phone (Have a portable way to charge it)
- TV/Internet
- NOAA Weather Radio (Battery- or Hand-powered are best, esp. if power goes out)

### EVACUATION ROUTES (FILL THESE OUT ON THE OTHER SIDE)

- Try to have at least two ways out, preferably in two different directions
- Practice during the day, and at night, so you know the way and can identify landmarks

### GO-BAG (BACKPACK, ETC.) FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER (DON'T FORGET ANIMALS)

#### Note where they are stored on other side

- Emergency Contact List
- Safety Gear (N95 mask, gloves, long-sleeve cotton shirt & pants; avoid synthetic materials that can melt)
- A few days worth of clothes to wear
- Medication or other medical needs
- Water & snacks
- Laptop/tablet/phone and chargers
- Entertainment items (cards, games, etc.)

### IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS (NOTE WHERE THEY ARE STORED ON THE OTHER SIDE)

- Insurance (with item inventory)
- Titles/Renters Agreements
- Vehicle Information
- Child Immunization Records
- Contact info for Financial Institutions (Bank, Credit Cards, Loans, etc.)

### INDIVIDUAL NEEDS ITEMS (LIST ANY ITEMS YOU DON'T WANT TO FORGET)

Item and Location:

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\_\_\_\_\_

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### PRICELESS OR VALUABLE ITEMS (FAMILY HEIRLOOM, PICTURES, ETC.)

#### Note where they are stored on other side

- Can you get them to your vehicle safely? Don't injure yourself while trying to evacuate!
- How long will it take you to get the? Don't take too long; your life is more important!
- Take pictures and important documents. Also store them both in a cloud storage.

Review this checklist now and print a copy to leave in a place you will see on your way out, such as on the inside of your front door, to help you remember what to grab when you need to leave. Learn more tips at <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/>.



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## USE IF YOU NEED TO EVACUATE

When you need to evacuate, use this page to help you remember what to grab, and where you need to go. Make sure you review and fill out the other side beforehand, then keep this in an easy to see place, such as the back of your front door.

### 1. IF AT ANY POINT, YOU FEEL YOU ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER, SKIP TO "IT'S TIME TO GO!"

### 2. REMEMBER YOUR PLAN. DO WHAT YOU CAN SAFELY BEFORE LEAVING.

**EVACUATION ROUTES** (Which is safer? What is your backup plan?):

- 1: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2: \_\_\_\_\_
- Put on Safety Gear (Cotton, long sleeve shirt; cotton pant/jeans; helmet; N95 or greater mask; gloves; goggles/safety glasses. Avoid synthetic cloths.)
- Shut off gas and close vents but leave lights on.

### OUT-OF-STATE/REGION SAFETY CONTACT

**Send them a message:**

- Now
- When you leave
- When you are safe

- Phone (Text): \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone (Voice): \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. REMEMBER TO GRAB (WHERE ARE THEY?)

- Go Bag**
- Important Documents**
- Individual Needs Items**

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Priceless & Valuable Items** (Order of importance)

- 1: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. IT'S TIME TO GO

- Send a text message to your **Out-of-State/Region Safety Contact** to let them know you are evacuating, where you're planning to go, and how long it should take you to get there. Don't forget to update them if anything changes, and once you arrive.
- Roll up windows and close air vents.
- Drive carefully with headlights on.
- Avoid heavy smoke if possible.
- If you get trapped, call 911.



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