Remember, there is nothing you own worth your life! Please evacuate immediately when asked by firefighters and law enforcement officials.

WHAT TO TAKE

Family
- Photographs of all family members
- Pets (If advance warning to take to approved shelter or family/friends)
- Pet ID tags
- Pet medications
- Pet leashes
- Pet water/food bowls
- Family treasures/heirlooms
- Decorations, pins, awards
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Documents
- Health insurance card(s)
- Car insurance card/documents
- House deed
- Marriage license
- Insurance papers
- Tax papers
- Birth certificate(s)
- Drivers license
- Legal documents
- Computer back-up discs
- Computer(s) (time permitting)
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Money
- Cash
- Wallet
- Purse
- Check book
- Blank checks
- Credit cards
- Savings book
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Other Items (Should time permit)
- Cell phones and chargers
- Address book
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Reading material
- Recreational items
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Medications
- Prescriptions
- Analgesics
- First-Aid Kit
- Prescription Glasses
- Dentures, hearing aids, etc.
- Motion sickness tablets (for pets & people)
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Jewelry
- Gold, Silver, and other valuable jewelry
- Family treasures/heirlooms
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Sentimental
- Photos/Albums, slides, movies, home videos
- Original paintings
- Irreplaceable keepsakes
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Food & Water (for 3 to 7 days - If time permits)
- Water (at least 1 gallon per person/per day
- Non-perishable, ready to eat food
- Pet food
- Pet treats
- Manual can opener
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Toiletries (If time permits)
- Soap and towels
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Shaving items
- Sanitary items
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Clothing (Appropriate for the season - If time pern
- Change of clothing per person (for 1 to 7 da
- Coats and jackets
- Hats and caps
- Gloves and scarves
- Shoes and boots
- Change of underwear
- Sleepwear
- Infant supplies and toys
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WHAT TO DO BEFORE LEAVING

- Tune to local radio station and listen for instructions.
- Place unlocked vehicle in the garage, pointing out with the keys in the ignition.
- Fill evacuation vehicle with gasoline or diesel fuel whichever your vehicle uses.
- Close evacuation vehicle windows.
- If you can lift the garage door manually, disconnect the door opener.
- If you CANNOT lift garage door by yourself, park the vehicle in your driveway facing outward.
- Establish an evacuation plan, travel route, and probable destination.
- Establish a meeting location for separated household members.
- Turn off natural gas at the meter and/or disconnect propane tanks.
- Close or cover outside vents and shutters.
- Turn off appliances, thermostats, fireplaces, stoves, etc.
- Leave one light on in each general area so firefighters can see the home in the dark and sm.
- Close fire resistant window coverings, heavy drapes, Venetian blinds, etc.
- Remove lace, nylon, or light material drapes and curtains from windows.
- Move overstuffed furniture away from windows.
- Close sliding glass doors (DO NOT LOCK THEM).
- Place a ladder against the roof of the house on the opposite side of the approaching fire.
- Fill bathtubs, sinks, and containers with water.
- Close off gutters with a sandbag at the downspout or a tennis ball in the gutter and fill with water.
- Soak burlap sacks, small rugs or large rags in water in containers.
- Don't tie up telephone lines, (notify friends and relatives by email on where to contact you).
- Make safety equipment obvious to firefighters such as: ladders, faucets, chain saws, hoses, etc.
- Place flammables like lawnmower gas, chemicals, ammunition, etc., all in one marked location.
- Leave a note on the door detailing who you are and where you have gone to.
- Wear ONLY cotton or wool clothes. Proper attire includes long pants, long sleeved shirt and hat and boots and carry water, gloves, goggles and handkerchief to cover your face.

WHAT TO DO NOW TO PREPARE

- Keep evacuation vehicle fuel tank full.
- Practice family fire drill and evacuation plans.
- Plan several evacuation routes from your home.
- Practice "STOP", "DROP", and "ROLL" in case your clothes catch on fire.
- Prepare a list of valuables to take with you (store together, if possible).
- Make a video of all valuables while talking about each item.
- Take "still" pictures of all belongings as a back-up for insurance purposes.
- Create a document that annotates a list of all belongings.
- Develop an outdoor water supply with hoses to reach the entire house, nozzle and pump.
- Have fire tools, ladder, and fire extinguishers available.
- Post name and/or address signs clearly so that they are visible from the street or road.
- Post "Load Limits" on access bridges.
- Clear driveway to at least 20 feet wide with 15 feet of vertical clearance (for emergency veh.
- Clear weeds and cut grasses 100 feet from structures, propane tanks, utility boxes, etc.
- Clear debris from roof, behind chimneys, vent pipes, etc., AND gutters.
- Remove trees growing through porches, decks, and roofs.
- Remove trash and debris accumulation.
- Remove branches that overhang within 15 feet of roof and chimneys.
- Stack firewood and/or lumber at least 30 feet from house and out-buildings.
- Thin and prune your trees, shrubs, and bushes.
- Install smoke detectors and test quarterly.
- Install shutters, fire curtains, or heavy drapes on windows.
- Install ¼ inch opening steel or metal wire mesh screens on foundation, eave, and gable vent.
- Enclose sides on raised foundations and decks.
- Install chimney screens and spark arrestors.