



# WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR "TO GO" BAG

□ Change of clothing and sturdy shoes.

□ Prescriptions, medications, glasses,

hearing aids, cane/walker.

□ ATM/Credit cards & cash on hand.

□ Important documents i.e., I.D., passport, insurance, medical, legal, banking.

□ Family/friends contact information.

□ House keys (lock house when you leave).

□ Bottle Water/energy bars, crackers,

packs of tuna & other light snacks/foods.

□ Hygiene items: toilet paper, wipes, hand sanitizers, toothbrush/paste, shampoo, brush/comb, deodorant, personal items.

□ Small towel/washcloth/bar of soap, small first aid kit in re-usable plastic bag.

Dust Mask to filter smoke/ contaminates; goggles/glasses.

□ Family pictures/albums.

Cell phone – charged & with charger.

A blanket/pillow/sleeping bag (if there's room).

- □ Small flashlight.
- Laptop with power cord.
- □ Battery operated radio.

□ Small tablet/notebook; pen/pencil; eating utensils.

□ Pencil/paper/books/games/deck of cards.

*Note:* If you have a car and you're prepared to drive out (if possible), pre-pack some of the backup supplies in car's trunk ahead of time so you're ready. Have a printed map with two evacuation routes/sites.

## Small Pets/Service Animals\*\*\*

- 1. Food, water, medications, treats/bones, plastic bags, paper towels.
- 2. Carrier & leash (must have a carrier for safe evacuations)
- 3. License & vet record.
- 4. Small dish for food/water

- \*\*\* IF Can't Take (microchip pro-actively ahead of time)
- a. Make arrangements with ER contact team in case you have to leave them behind
- b. Post a "Rescue Alert Sticker"/ Note on front door informing 1st responders of pets to rescue.

# Questions to Ask Yourself Ahead of Time...

If there is an evacuation order:

- 1. What routes are there to take out of the house consider accessibility needs?
- 2. What routes are there to take out of the neighborhood?
- 3. What is the form of transportation, enough gas/battery charged?

- 4. Where are the shelters? If call comes to "Get Out", leave & emergency services will direct you.
- 5. Where are shut-off valves for utilities, do they take special tools? Do this if you know how & have time.
- 6. Designate an out-of-area emergency contact meeting place and tell family/friends ahead of time.

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# Wildfire Emergency Evacuation Checklist

*If you see a wildfire, call 9-1-1. Don't assume that someone else has already called. Describe the location of the fire. Speak slowly and clearly and answer any questions asked by the dispatcher.* 

#### What You Can Do Now To Prepare

□ Have defensible cleared space around your home, off roof & gutters.

□ Document an inventory of belongings and take pictures/ video of all furnishings. Store off site, send to a family member for safe keeping, safe deposit box, on your phone or "in the cloud".

Post name/address on sign clearly visible from street.

□ Install smoke detectors and fire extinguisher and test quarterly.

□ Water: Connect garden hoses. Fill any pools, hot tubs, garbage cans or other large containers with water. If you have gas-powered pump for water, make sure they are fueled & ready.

## **IF YOU HAVE TIME – Before the Fire Approaches Your House**

□ Evacuate family members & pets that are not essential in preparing the home. This includes anyone with medical or physical limitations, young children and the elderly.

□ Close/Protect Openings: Close outside attic, eaves and basement vents, windows, doors, pet doors, etc. Close all shutters, blinds to reduce radiant heat.

Close inside Doors: Close all doors inside the house to prevent drafts.

□ Shut off Propane or fuel oil supplies at the source.

□ Ladder: Place a ladder against the house in clear view

Garage Doors: Disconnect any automatic garage door openers to door can be opened manually if power goes out. As you leave, close all garage doors.

Livestock: Any large animals or livestock you have to leave behind, release livestock from barns to pasture. Leave note on door for Animal Rescue re: other animals at the property.

Turn on outside porch/security lights and secure your home appropriately.

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