

# **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:**

## **What you can do to prepare and what you should pack before you leave.**

### **Before a Wildfire**

- Create a Wildfire Action Plan for your family. Being ready to go also means knowing when to evacuate and what to do if you become trapped.
- Make sure you monitor wildfires in your area and know your community's emergency response plan, evacuation orders and evacuation centers.
- Sign up for alerts from your local county or city.
- While Under Evacuation Warning/Advisory

### **Once the warning or notice comes down, you should remember the 6 Ps, according to the USDA:**

1. A Plan for the persons in your family (including a meeting place.)
2. Personal items (including toiletries, food and water for two to three days and special personal possessions.)
3. Prescriptions - Have your full, current supply of prescriptions packed.
4. Photographs (and other mementos) which cannot be replaced.
5. Pets (Have a plan in place and pets secured so frightened pets don't escape fenced yards or kennels.)
6. Papers - Pack all important papers, including reference phone numbers, account numbers, etc.

**An advisory is also the best time to move a person with mobility or medical issues as well as any livestock or large animals.**

### **When Under Evacuation Order**

- Review your Evacuation Plan Checklist.
- Ensure your Emergency Supply Kit/Evacuation Bag is in your vehicle.
- Cover up to protect against heat and flying embers. Wear long pants, long-sleeve shirt, heavy shoes/boots, cap, dry bandanna for face cover, goggles or glasses. 100% cotton is preferable.
- Locate your pets and take them with you.
- Emergency Supply Kit

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**The American Red Cross recommends every family have an emergency supply kit assembled long before a wildfire or other emergency occurs. Use the checklist below to help assemble yours.**

- Face masks or coverings
- Three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day).
- Non-perishable food for all family members and pets (three-day supply).
- First aid kit.
- Flashlight, battery-powered radio, and extra batteries.
- An extra set of car keys, credit cards, cash or traveler's checks.
- Sanitation supplies.
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses.
- Important family documents and contact numbers.
- Map marked with evacuation routes.
- Prescriptions or special medications.
- Family photos and other irreplaceable items.
- Easily carried valuables.
- Personal computers (information on hard drives and disks).
- Chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.
- Items to take if time allows:
  - Easily carried valuables
  - Family photos and other irreplaceable items
  - Personal computer information on hard drives and disks
  - Chargers for cellphones, laptops, etc.