

6-12 Hours Before Evacuation Preparing Your Go

1. Prepare for power outages throughout the day.
 - a. Get your car out of the garage.
2. Prepare for Cell or Telephone Disruptions or being out of service altogether.
3. Have these Items bagged and ready to go by your doorway.
 - a. Valuables or irreplaceable Items in your home
 - i. Photos, Computers, Cash, Jewelry, Firearms, Smaller Antiques, Artworks
 - b. Think of all your daily responsibilities and gather items for those needs:
 - i. Medicines or Diet Items for you and family
 - ii. Toiletries and a good assortment of clothes and footwear.
 - iii. Pet Carriers, Pet food, and pet meds
4. Make relocation Plans with friends, family or hotel reservations early on
5. Have your car fueled and take the most reliable vehicle.
6. Have house pets ready to Load and Go
7. If you are planning on taking a travel trailer or motorhome, leave early as possible or arrange to park it away from the fire area to escape to, should you need to later. ***These large vehicles have been shown to cause major traffic issues during evacuation (even without panic).***

Home Prep in Order of Priority for home survivability.

(So if you only have a little time, this is the order I would go through.)

1. Get needles and leaves off your Roof and Gutters and away from the edges of your home!
2. If you have landscaping bark around the perimeter of your home or garage, wet it down. It will stay damp for a considerable time.
3. Cover roof vents and or structural openings with plywood or metal panels
 - a. Maybe have these shaped ahead of time for emergency use.
4. Move outdoor furniture or loose combustible items away from your home or place inside.

5. Move vehicles or wood deck trailers that are parked outside, away from your home or park them inside.
6. Move Fireplace wood piles or stacks away from your home or decks out into the yard.
7. Many times FD's will cut off your decks or awnings from your house if we have time during Structure PREP, just barely ahead of an advancing wild fire.
8. Pull away landscaping border wood or wood fences adjacent/contacting to your home.
9. Clear brush or natural forested vegetation away from immediate exterior (5-20' from your home) and place it in an open, non-traveled area or push it back into the forest land.

Exiting your home:

1. Shut off HVAC air circulation
2. Shut off Propane Tank or Gas Meter
3. Draw all blinds to prevent radiant heat.
4. Fill bath tubs and sinks with water (if still available)
5. Identify water **sources or hazards** on your property with "brief and obvious" handmade signs.
6. Set out personal ladders for Fire Fighters to access your roof quickly.
7. Make garden hoses obvious
8. Live Stock, Horses will be safer in their corral, than set free. If in a well grazed and good 50-100' ambient clearance area. Leave a water flow on for them.

****If you are trapped by fire during escape, away from your home, AND immediately threatened by flames, your best chance of survival will be to shelter in whatever fortified structure you can get into. (Report to Law Enforcement)**