



Walking Out the Door: My Evacuation Checklist

PIN or TAPE this list to where you will see it when needed

Nevada County
Coalition of
Firewise Communities



Residents reducing wildfire risks

BEFORE USING THIS CHECKLIST

- **Load the car with valuables:** medications, documents, mementos, pets, Go Bag.
- **Back the car** into the driveway, loaded facing out - keys in ignition, doors closed and windows rolled up.
- **Disconnect the automatic garage door opener** for emergency personnel access
- **Then, if (*and only if*) time allows:**

INSIDE THE HOUSE

- ___ Close all windows and doors (interior too) and leave them *unlocked*. (If you are concerned about looting, it's okay to lock exterior doors.)
- ___ Remove combustible (fabric, wood) shades and curtains. Close non-combustible (metal) window coverings to reduce radiant heat entering the rooms.
- ___ Move furniture and throw rugs to the center of the room, away from windows.
- ___ Leave indoor and outdoor **lights ON** to make house visible in heavy smoke.
- ___ Shut off air conditioning and ceiling fans.
- ___ Close fireplace damper and close screen.

OUTSIDE

- ___ Move combustible outdoor items (patio furniture/cushions, outside wall décor, toys, doormats, trash cans, wood piles, BBQ grill, brooms, etc.) at least 30' away from structures (optional: place in a pool).
- ___ Shut off gas at the meter* or propane tank; move small tanks at least 15' away from combustibles. Turn off pilot lights on gas appliances.
- ___ Connect garden hoses that have squeeze-grip nozzles to outdoor spigots for use by firefighters. Do NOT leave water running.
- ___ Fill pools, garbage cans, large containers or buckets with water and place around outside of house, especially near decks and fences.
- ___ Prop open fence and side gates; ensure automatic entry gates stay open.
- ___ Place ladder(s), rakes, shovels and chainsaws in front of house for firefighter use.
- ___ Attach your Evacuation Tag to your front door, reflective address sign, mailbox, fence or gate, wherever first responders are most likely to quickly see it.

*Keep a wrench attached to gas meter for quick shut-off during emergency. After fire threat passes, call gas company or another qualified professional to safely re-establish service.

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