

Before an Evacuation

Evacuation Plan - Print your plan and keep it handy, or in your disaster supplies kit. Make sure everyone in your family knows what your plan is and where your kit is. Many of these principles apply to all disaster types.

- ◇ Get a map of your area and make sure everyone in your family understands the ways in and out of your neighborhood.
- ◇ Assign tasks to each family member for what to do during Level 1 (Ready), Level 2 (Set), Level 3 (GO!) evacuations. Post this checklist on your refrigerator.
- ◇ Designate a meeting place – this could be a friend or family members' house, or evacuation shelter.
- ◇ Choose an out-of-the-area contact person to relay information about your welfare to family and friends **and** to keep your phone lines open.

Disaster Supplies Kit

- ◇ Keep kits supplied and ready at all times in your home and vehicle. Kits should include, at the minimum, food and water for each family member for 3 days, battery operated radio, flashlight and extra batteries, first aid kit, and an extra set of sturdy clothing for each family member. Don't forget medications, as necessary.
- ◇ Assemble pet kits and keep them in your home and vehicle. Include food, water, leashes, carriers, and medications. Don't leave pets behind.
- ◇ Assemble special documents, like birth certificates, social security cards, legal documents, phone contact lists, family photos, household inventory, and any portable valuables into easily -moved containers that can be loaded quickly into a vehicle.

Prepare your defensible space. Go to

www.kcrsg.org.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

www.kcrsg.org
**Klamath County Ready, Set, Go—
discover your home's risk, as well
as how to defend it from wildfire**

inciweb.nwccg.gov
**National wildfire incident
information**

www.scofmp.org
**South Central Oregon Fire
Management Partnership—fire
information for Klamath and Lake
Counties**

www.nwccinfo.blogspot.com/
**Northwest Coordination Center
Fire Information**

centralorfireinfo.blogspot.com/
Central Oregon Fire Information

oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/
Smoke and Air Quality Information

www.swofire.com
**ODF Southwest Oregon District
Fire Information**

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**Be Ready,
Be Set,
GO!**

In the event of a wildfire in your area, you may be asked to evacuate.

Entry to evacuated areas may be denied until conditions are safe.

Evacuation information may be delivered via Sherriff's deputies, fire personnel, radio and TV announcements, text messages, phone calls, and through official social media.



Keep in mind you may receive no notifications – wildfires can move fast and be unpredictable. It is always best to evacuate sooner rather than later.

Level 1 Evacuation Be Ready

- ◇ Monitor emergency service stations and websites.
- ◇ If you have livestock, consider moving them now. Moving lots of animals by trailer is time consuming and can clog up roads that are needed by firefighters and law enforcement personnel. At the very least, hook-up trailers and be prepared to drive out. Contact others with trailers, if needed, and arrange to have your livestock moved.
- ◇ Locate pet carriers for small animals and prepare to load pets into vehicles. Keep pets close to or in your home.
- ◇ Ensure your disaster supplies kits are loaded in vehicles and vehicles are fueled up.
- ◇ Remove any debris, such as pine needles or combustible trash, from near your home (at least 5 feet). For example, on your roof, in your gutters, in the cracks around and underneath decks, etc.
- ◇ Move wood and large debris piles at least 30 feet from your home.
- ◇ Gather fire tools – shovels and buckets.
- ◇ Locate evacuation routes and make a plan for how you're going to evacuate.
- ◇ Fill all available containers with water so that you or firefighters can put out embers that land near your home. Attach hoses to all faucets.
- ◇ Place ladders next to your home so that you or firefighters can put out embers that land on your roof.
- ◇ Consider implementing Level 2 actions.

Level 2 Evacuation Be Set

You may not have time to implement these actions. You must be prepared to leave at a moment's notice, and understand that you may not receive notification to GO! if the situation deteriorates rapidly.

- ◇ Perform your own risk assessment – **EVACUATE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER**, especially if you have any special needs (small children, lots of pets, disabilities that may hamper your ability to move quickly, etc.).
- ◇ Close all doors, windows, and vents to your home.
- ◇ Shut off utilities, such as gas.
- ◇ Open fireplace/stove dampers, but close doors/screens.
- ◇ Move anything flammable inside your home away from walls and windows (curtains) to the center of rooms.
- ◇ If you have a shake roof, place a sprinkler on it and wet it down to help prevent embers from igniting it; also use sprinklers at ground level around your home.
- ◇ Load pets into carriers and livestock into trailers.
- ◇ Review Level 3 actions.

Level 3 Evacuation GO!

- ◇ Wildfires can move fast and be unpredictable – leave immediately! If you choose to ignore this advisement, be aware that emergency services may not be able to assist you.
- ◇ Leave house lights on so that firefighters can easily locate your home in thick smoke or at night.
- ◇ Leave a note on your door with your phone numbers in case firefighters need to reach you.
- ◇ Check-in with the designated shelter (usually set up by Red Cross), whether you plan to stay at the shelter or not; this helps officials know that you got out safely.

