

CHECKLIST

WILDFIRE EVACUATION

In recent years, the frequency and intensity of wildfires across North America has risen. If local authorities order an evacuation, use this checklist to help protect yourself, your family and home.

BEFORE LEAVING YOUR HOME

- Unplug electrical equipment such as televisions and small appliances.
- Leave freezers and refrigerators plugged in unless there is a risk of flooding.
- Only shut off water, gas and electricity if officials advise you to do so.
- Shut all windows, doors (interior and exterior), fireplace dampers, and other openings (such as doggy doors).
- Move combustible outdoor furniture or grills into or away from home.
- Take your wallet/purse, personal identification for each family member, and copies of essential family documents (i.e. passports, birth certificate, social security card, etc.).
- Take a cell phone and charger.
- Ensure that you have contact information for any/all pertinent parties (e.g., HUB, your carrier, neighbors, authorities, etc.). Certain governmental authorities have smartphone applications or websites used to track evacuee status.
- Take any essential medications or medical devices for your family.
- Depending on how fast the evacuation happens, you may have time to pack a small bag of toiletries and clothes. If time permits, also be sure to take enough basic supplies with you to last 72 hours (this includes food, water, and other essentials such as a first-aid kit).
- Take your pets with you.
- Understand beforehand, to the best of your ability, the safest route to your ultimate destination (and any detours that may be needed in the course of your travels).

Stay safe by being aware and keeping informed.

The path of a wildfire is unpredictable. The best way to protect your family and home when a wildfire is approaching is by monitoring local news and following all evacuation orders immediately. Keep in mind that local authorities won't ask you to leave your home unless they have reason to believe you are in danger.

DURING AN EVACUATION

- Stay informed on the development of wildfire, as these events are oftentimes fast-moving and unpredictable.
- Time is of the essence. Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather.
- Keep car windows up and air conditioning on to prevent embers and smoke from entering the vehicle.
- Check in at the local evacuation center.
- Once you are safe, call or email an out-of-town contact to let them know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Follow instructions from local authorities. They will not only provide you with recommendations on which evacuation routes to take, but also let you know when it is safe to return home.
- If time allows, move your jewelry, important documents, and other significant valuables into a fireproof safe or take them with you

CRISIS RESOURCES

Be prepared. Know how to respond.

Severe weather, natural disasters and other catastrophic events can cause serious havoc — including property damage, physical injury, emotional trauma, liability claims and even the loss of life. It's important to be prepared so you can protect what matters most and recover as quickly as possible.

HUB Private Client is here to help. Visit HUB Crisis Resources for guides, tips, checklists and other information to help you prepare and respond to potentially destructive events like flood, hurricane and wildfire.

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