

Wildfire Evacuation Checklist

Prepare early. Leave when advised. The kit supports evacuation - it never replaces it.

My household evacuation plan

HOME ADDRESS

EMERGENCY CONTACT

PRIMARY MEETING POINT

BACKUP MEETING POINT

PRIMARY EXIT ROUTE

ALTERNATE EXIT ROUTE

Before high fire danger

- ☐ Enable local emergency alerts and save official information channels.
- ☐ Agree who collects children, pets, medication, documents and the go-bag.
- ☐ Download offline maps and keep a printed local map with two exit routes.
- ☐ Keep the vehicle maintained and avoid letting fuel or charge fall too low.
- ☐ Place keys, shoes, glasses, mobility aids and the go-bag where they are reachable.
- ☐ Identify an accessible destination outside the risk area and a backup destination.
- ☐ Tell every household member when to leave and where to reunite.
- ☐ Test that the intended person can carry the final bag safely.

LEAVE EARLY

Follow local alerts, evacuation orders and incident-specific instructions. Do not return for equipment.

Go-bag: people, communication and health

Keep the bag light enough to carry. Quantities must reflect household size, climate, travel time and official local guidance.

1 Alerts and communication

- ☐ Phone with emergency alerts enabled.
- ☐ Printed contact list and local map.
- ☐ Battery or hand-crank emergency radio.
- ☐ Power bank, short cables and vehicle adapter.
- ☐ Flashlight or headlamp plus spare batteries.
- ☐ Whistle and a backup communications plan.

3 Water and compact food

- ☐ Drinking water plus a vehicle reserve when safe.
- ☐ Shelf-stable food requiring no cooking.
- ☐ Manual can opener when needed.
- ☐ Basic utensils, hygiene items and waste bags.
- ☐ Extra water and food for pets or assistance needs.

2 Respiratory protection

- ☐ Approved particulate respirator for each intended user.
- ☐ Correct model, size and straps; verify approval and authenticity.
- ☐ User can follow donning and seal-check instructions.
- ☐ Spare respirators stored clean, dry and protected.
- ☐ Clear goggles that do not interfere with the face seal.
- ☐ Cleaner-air plan for time spent indoors.

Particle respirators do not protect against carbon monoxide, oxygen deficiency or every gas and vapour.

4 Medication and health

- ☐ Essential prescription medication and permitted copies of prescriptions.
- ☐ Compact first-aid kit matched to household skills.
- ☐ Spare glasses, hearing-aid batteries and mobility supplies.
- ☐ Written allergies, conditions and emergency contacts.
- ☐ Sun protection, hygiene and personal care supplies.
- ☐ Expiry dates and storage-temperature requirements checked.

VERIFY, FIT, LIMITATIONS

Respirator guide: N95, P100, reusable options and counterfeit warning signs

Go-bag: documents, clothing, pets and vehicle

Protect sensitive information, plan assistance needs and prepare transport before smoke or road closures reduce your options.

5 Documents and money

- ☐ Identification and essential legal or medical documents.
- ☐ Insurance policy and claims contact information.
- ☐ Property inventory or photo references.
- ☐ Cash in small denominations where appropriate.
- ☐ Spare keys stored securely.
- ☐ Paper copies or encrypted offline copies in a water-resistant pouch.

6 Clothing and visibility

- ☐ Sturdy closed footwear and work gloves.
- ☐ Long sleeves and long trousers for ordinary evacuation travel.
- ☐ Warm or rain layer appropriate to the season.
- ☐ High-visibility or reflective item.
- ☐ Seasonal clothing and spare socks.

7 Pets and assistance needs

- ☐ Carrier, leash, harness and identification.
- ☐ Food, water, bowl, medication and waste supplies.
- ☐ Vaccination and veterinary records.
- ☐ Recent photo and backup contact.
- ☐ Transport plan for large animals or multiple pets.
- ☐ Accessible destination for anyone needing assistance.

8 Vehicle-ready equipment

- ☐ Paper map and planned alternate route.
- ☐ Vehicle charger and compact power bank.
- ☐ Water, flashlight and visibility vest.
- ☐ Basic tool kit and seasonal clothing.
- ☐ Fuel or charge kept above the household trigger level.
- ☐ No damaged batteries, leaking fuels or unsafe heat-sensitive items.

DO NOT DELAY

Ordinary clothing, masks, blankets and bags are not structural firefighting equipment and never make it safe to remain in a fire area.

Final departure check

Use this list only when it is safe and time permits. An evacuation order or immediate danger takes priority over collecting items.

- ☐ All household members and pets accounted for.
- ☐ Phones, keys, medication, documents and go-bags collected.
- ☐ Official route and destination checked; backup route available.
- ☐ Vehicle fuel or charge sufficient for the planned route.
- ☐ Emergency contact informed of destination and departure time.
- ☐ Doors and windows closed only if instructed and safe to do so.
- ☐ No one returns for optional equipment.
- ☐ Local instructions followed for utilities, gates and access.
- ☐ Departure time recorded below.

DEPARTURE TIME / DESTINATION

Review record

Review date	Respirators / medication	Power / batteries	Routes / contacts

Use with Tecnobosque tools

[Full evacuation guide and buying checklist](#)

[Cleaner-air room CADR calculator](#)

[Portable power station buying guide and runtime planning](#)

SOURCES AND LIMITS

Prepared from Tecnobosque guidance and official preparedness references including Ready.gov, the American Red Cross and AirNow. Local authorities and incident-specific instructions take priority. This checklist is for preparedness and does not provide firefighting, medical or evacuation-command advice.