WILDFIRE IS COMING. ARE YOU...

SET?

GET PREPARED TO EVACUATE BEFORE WILDFIRE STRIKES.

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THOUSANDS OF WILDFIRES STRIKE CALIFORNIA EVERY YEAR. IT'S NOT A MATTER OF IF YOUR HOME IS AT RISK, BUT WHEN.

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CREATE
A WILDFIRE ACTION PLAN

Your Wildfire Action Plan must be prepared and familiar to all members of your household well in advance of a wildfire. Use the checklist below to help create your plan. Each family's plan will be different, depending on a variety of issues, needs and situations.

YOUR WILDFIRE ACTION PLAN CHECKLIST:

Create an evacuation plan that includes:

- ☐ A designated emergency meeting location outside the fire or hazard area. This is critical to determine who has safely evacuated from the affected area.
- ☐ Several different escape routes from your home and community. Practice these often so everyone in your family is familiar in case of emergency.
- ☐ Have an evacuation plan for pets and large animals such as horses and other livestock.
- ☐ A family communication plan that designates an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact to act as a single source of communication among family members in case of separation. (It is easier to call or message one person and let them contact others than to try and call everyone when phone, cell, and internet systems can be overloaded or limited during a disaster.)

Be Prepared:

- ☐ Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them. (Check expiration dates regularly.)
- ☐ Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric, and water main shut-off controls are located and how to safely shut them down in an emergency.
- ☐ Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit for each person, as recommended by the American Red Cross. (See next section for details.)
- ☐ Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers posted near your phone and in your emergency supply kit.
- ☐ Keep an extra emergency supply kit in your car in case you cannot get to your home because of fire or other emergency.
- ☐ Have a portable radio or scanner so you can stay updated on the fire.
- ☐ Tell your neighbors about Ready, Set, Go! and your Wildfire Action Plan.

REMEMBER THE SIX "P's"
KEEP THESE SIX "P's" READY IN CASE IMMEDIATE EVACUATION IS REQUIRED:

- **People and pets**
- **Papers, phone numbers, & important documents**
- **Prescriptions, vitamins, and eyeglasses**
- **Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia**
- **Personal computer hard drive and disks**
- **"Plastic" (credit cards, ATM cards) and cash**

ASSEMBLE
AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Put together your Emergency Supply Kit long before a wildfire or other disaster occurs and keep it easily accessible so you can take it with you when you have to evacuate. Plan to be away from your home for an extended period of time. Each person should have a readily accessible Emergency Supply Kit. Backpacks work great for storing these items (except food and water) and are quick to grab. Storing food and water in a tub or chest on wheels will make it easier to transport. Keep it light enough to be able to lift it into your car.

Emergency Supply Kit Checklist:

- ☐ Three-day supply of non-perishable food and three gallons of water per person
- ☐ Map marked with at least two evacuation routes
- ☐ Prescriptions or special medications
- ☐ Change of clothing
- ☐ Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- ☐ An extra set of car keys, credit cards, cash or traveler's checks
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- ☐ Sanitation supplies
- ☐ Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, etc.)
- ☐ Don't forget pet food and water!

Items to take if time allows:

- ☐ Easily carried valuables
- ☐ Family photos and other irreplaceable items
- ☐ Personal computer information on hard drives and disks
- ☐ Chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.

ALWAYS KEEP A STURDY PAIR OF SHOES AND A FLASHLIGHT NEAR YOUR BED AND HANDY IN CASE OF A SUDDEN EVACUATION AT NIGHT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EMERGENCY SUPPLIES, VISIT WWW.READY.GOV.

SAVE THIS
FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN

Fill out this form and place it near your telephone where it can easily be found by everyone in your household. Copy the form and keep it in your Emergency Supply Kits. This will allow all family members to have access to this key information in case you get separated.

WHEN WE HAVE TO EVACUATE, WE WILL MEET AT:

_____

OUR OUT-OF-AREA EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON IS:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS ARE:

Emergency 911: _____ Local Police: _____

Local Fire Department: _____ Other: _____

Other: _____ Other: _____

OUR TWO EVACUATION ROUTES ARE (SKETCH ROUTES BELOW):

USE THIS GUIDE TO PREPARE YOUR EVACUATION PLAN AND EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Once you complete your plan, rehearse and discuss it regularly with your family. Consider practicing the plan at night as well. Keep it in a safe, visible place for quick access when a wildfire emergency occurs.

Reminder: In an emergency it is easy to become confused or panicked. Preparing your wildfire action plan in advance will help keep you focused and able to act quickly when evacuation is anticipated or needed.

For more information on wildfire evacuation planning and survival, see the Ready for Wildfire "Go!" brochure or visit ReadyforWildfire.org/go.

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KNOW THE LAW
BE READY TO EVACUATE

CALIFORNIA LAW AUTHORIZES OFFICERS TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO ANY AREA WHERE A MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY EXISTS DUE TO A CALAMITY SUCH AS FLOOD, STORM, FIRE, EARTHQUAKE, EXPLOSION, ACCIDENT OR OTHER DISASTER. REFUSAL TO COMPLY IS A MISDEMEANOR. (PENAL CODE 409.5)

READY, SET, GO! PREPARATION GUIDES

Preparing for a wildfire starts with three simple steps: Ready, Set, Go! Keep all three wildfire preparation guides on hand as a quick reference for helping your family and property be safe in the event of a wildfire.

WILDFIRE IS COMING PREPARATION GUIDES:

Step 1:
Is Your Home Ready?

Creating defensible space and hardening your home against wildfire.

Step 2:
Are You Set?

Developing a Wildfire Action Plan.

Step 3:
Are You Ready to Go?

A quick-reference evacuation guide.

Go to ReadyForWildfire.org for more detailed information on all three guides to prepare for and survive a wildfire.