



# Wildfire Evacuation Checklist

Wildfires can develop quickly and you'll need to act as fast in case evacuation orders are given, so we've created a checklist to help you prepare.

## CREATE A PLAN BEFORE A WILDFIRE STRIKES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Designate an emergency meeting location outside of your neighborhood  | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan several different escape routes from your home/community, both by car and by foot <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practice these yearly with household members</li></ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> Designate a contact outside of the community as a source of communication for household members                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be aware of the wildfire plan in place at your children's school or daycare   | <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss with your children what will happen should a wildfire strike while they're at school  | <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure your vehicle has a full tank of gas, as gas stations might be busy or closed along the evacuation route |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tune in to local television and radio stations for updated information on when evacuations might happen and if any roads will be closed because of the fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare an emergency supply kit (details are on pg. 2)  |  |
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## CREATE AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-perishable food – dried fruit, nuts and canned goods                        | <input type="checkbox"/> One gallon of water per person per day, for at least three days  | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions and daily medication   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Map – make note of at least two evacuation routes to get out of the city/county | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic toiletries and hygiene supplies – baby wipes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, feminine products                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Comfort items for children – games, crayons, toys  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spare eyeglasses or contact lenses and solution                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of personal identification – driver's license, insurance cards and policies, medical records and birth certificates | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency cash in case ATMs are down   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm clothing and a change of clothes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Photographs of your house's exterior and landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable radio with extra batteries  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional flashlights  | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit – bandages, dehydration salts, gauze, anti-histamines, aspirin – basic first aid supplies should be stocked  | <input type="checkbox"/> Food, water and other necessary items for your pets – leashes, bedding, toys/comfort items |



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## BEFORE EVACUATING YOUR HOUSE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wear cotton or wool clothing with long sleeves/pants, a hat and boots    | <input type="checkbox"/> Bring gloves, goggles and a handkerchief to cover your face                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Bring water to drink   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Remove flammable window shades and lightweight curtains                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Turn off water heater pilot light  | <input type="checkbox"/> Turn off HVAC pilot light  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turn gas off at the meter  | <input type="checkbox"/> Turn off air conditioning and fans   | <input type="checkbox"/> Leave a light on in every room   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Close fireplace damper   | <input type="checkbox"/> Seal off your attic with commercial seals or pre-cut plywood                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Move flammable interior furniture into the center of the room, away from windows             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring flammable exterior furniture inside or store it in a swimming pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Close all interior doors   | <input type="checkbox"/> Turn off timed sprinkler systems   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turn off propane tanks   | <input type="checkbox"/> Connect garden hoses to all outside faucets                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Leave your exterior house lights on so it is visible in darkness or smoke by emergency crews |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Place emergency supply kit in trunk of car                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Back your car into your driveway so it's easier to pull out during an evacuation | <input type="checkbox"/> Leave all vehicle doors and windows closed   |



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## IF TIME ALLOWS, TAKE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Easily carried valuables and irreplaceable items – family photos, heirlooms, jewelry, laptops, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Chargers for electronics | <input type="checkbox"/> Backups of personal computer information – USBs and hard drives |
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## WHILE YOU'RE EVACUATED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact your homeowners insurance agent | <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain a copy of your insurance policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Report if you were forced to leave your home due to a mandatory evacuation orders by local municipalities or law enforcement |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Inquire about additional living expenses as Mercury may be able to help arrange for temporary housing and provide financial assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep all dated and itemized receipts for expenses you accumulate during and following the evacuation for hotel/ temporary housing, meals, laundry, etc. |
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## RETURNING HOME AFTER THE FIRE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Do not enter your home until it has been deemed safe by fire officials | <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid damaged or fallen power lines | <input type="checkbox"/> Dispose of any food that has been exposed to heat, soot or smoke |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wear thick-soled shoes and leather gloves to protect your hands and feet from hidden embers or hot spots <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keep an eye on your pets so their paws don't get burnt</li></ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not use water that could have been contaminated to wash your hands, prepare food or make ice |  |
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## FILING A CLAIM IF YOUR PROPERTY IS DAMAGED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mercury customers can report a claim 24/7 at (800) 503-3724 | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide your policy number | <input type="checkbox"/> Include the date, time and location |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Give a description of the damage | <input type="checkbox"/> Take an inventory of damaged property | <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate and document the damage in photos |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Do not dispose of damaged items | <input type="checkbox"/> Make temporary repairs to protect property from further damage | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep itemized receipts for expenses such as temporary housing, repairs, meals, etc. |
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