

Evacuation—in different scenarios

Three-minute plan:

6 P's: people and pets, plastic (and cash), prescriptions, personal needs, priceless items, and papers (important)

Grab go-bag, computer, purse, etc.

Take ONE car to reduce traffic jams

Leave immediately!

Twenty-minute plan:

Phone tree—call neighbors in your Pod

Listen for alerts, watch Nixle and other emergency contacts for instructions

Prepare larger box with food and water for 72 hrs. (pets too)

Pack car(s) with vitals and other supplies

Move flammables indoors and away from windows

Turn off air conditioner

Place ladder to roof near driveway

Help evacuate disabled neighbors and children

Set garage door to “manual operation”

Two-hour+ plan:

Call/text out-of-area person and leave contact information

Pull down exterior non-flammable window covers

Remove flammable indoor curtains and shades indoors

Put buckets filled with water around house

Review items you are taking with you

Put up temporary non-flammable wraps if you have them

Turn on roof sprinklers if you have them (secondary water source only)

Use fire-resistant spray foam if you have it

Gather fire-safe clothing, helmets, lights, crowbars, etc. to have at the ready

Prepare car(s) for ready evacuation, facing roadway

Wait for evacuation orders

What to do when leaving home—no matter how much time you have:

Shut windows and doors but leave unlocked

Leave gate open

Leave lights on inside and out (if power)

Hang up evacuation sign on door

Turn off propane tanks

Defensible Space—more than recommendations!

Five feet around house

Recommendations range from literally no foliage to small flowers and shrubs 2' high or less
Use gravel for walkways around house (not mulch)

Thirty feet from the house

“Remove” flammable fuel

Clear dead leaves and branches

Keep branches of trees 6' (or 8' or 10') up from the ground and keep trees at least 10' apart

Sparsely plant trees and shrubs—note that slope of hill increases distance between trees!

Consider replacing decking with non-flammable materials

Absolutely no foliage within 10' of the top of a chimney

Clean up all materials stored under decks

Plant succulents and/or fire-resistant hardwood trees (such as maple)

One hundred feet from the house

Did you know this is required by law—but so far, no one is enforcing it

The law reads “reduce fuel” for the additional 70'...or to the property line

Keep grass areas 4" high

House Hardening—some ideas

Cover vents with 1/16" fine screen mesh

Enclose soffits with fire-resistant material

Install fire-retardant window coverings on exterior

Replace decking with Trex, ironwood or similar flame-resistant materials

Remove and replace wood fences that are in contact with the home

Cover wood siding with concrete board (e.g., Hardieboard) or replace

Replace roofing with Class A material or metal

Add exterior sprinklers

Keep gutters clean at all times!

Purchase and have ready fire-retardant materials such as spray foam or wraps