

FIRE SEASON CHECKLISTS **PREP AND EVACUATION**

HERE'S YOUR "GO BAG" LIST. Keep bags where you can easily grab and go.

PERSONAL

- Important documents if not scanned in the cloud (scan early!!) like passport, social security cards, birth certificates, lease documents, car title, any unpaid bills that are not digital
- Family photos, if not scanned
- Valuables, jewelry, small art, momentos
- Instruments
- Hard drive, laptop, charge cords
- Cellphone, charge cords
- Local Maps
- Flashlights/batteries, headlamps
- Ear plugs
- Sleep eyeshade
- 💰 cash, checks, credit cards (photograph them too)
- Printed list of phone numbers and email addresses for important contacts
- Extra set of keys
- Hand sanitizer
- Battery-powered radio / extra batteries
- Whistle, to signal for help
- Sleeping bags?

MEDICAL / PRACTICAL

- Meds; prescriptions
- Extra eyeglasses, sunglasses
- contacts, saline
- TP
- Shampoo; brush; toiletries
- Headache and/or allergy meds
- Tweezers / nail clipper / emery board

- Moisturizer / sunscreen
- Protective eyewear
- Visine; masks; Carmex; throat lozenges
- Soap, sanitizer, towels; wipes, alcohol
- Paper, pens, poster board, duct tape, zip ties
- Trash bags
- Umbrella
- Backpack

HOUSEHOLD

- Pillows / blankets
- Air Mattress / tarp / tent
- Folding chair / table
- Backup charger
- Radio / walkie talkie?
- [Mifi router](#)
- Bicycle/rack
- Pets, pet food
- Pet carrier

CLOTHING

Sturdy shoes/socks/undergarments

Casual, warm cotton clothes

BOTTOM LINE: sturdy cotton clothes, masks, important documents (or scans), medications, eye glasses, goggles, leather gloves, cash, flashlight, waterproof lighter or matches, water, snacks, hand sanitizer, battery-powered radio and extra batteries.

PREPARING FOR PET SAFETY

- A carrier for each pet
- Vaccination and medical records, proof of ownership, current photo, contact information for your pet's vet

- Two-week supply of food and water
- Food and water bowls that are non-spill
- A pet first aid kit, medications and instructions on dosing
- A cat litter box and litter, waste disposal bags
- Paper towels and newspaper
- Disinfectant
- Leashes/collars/harnesses
- Blankets
- Toys and treats

Make sure pets have collars with ID, rabies and license tags. Check to make sure your contact information is up to date.

SAFETY PREP FOR YOUR CAR

- Point your car so you can evacuate without having to do a U turn
- Get gas/full tank, oil, fluids, FixaFlat
- Spare tire
- Fuses
- Jumper cables
- Vehicle documents
- AAA card
- Spare keys (under your license plate or in a magnetic holder on your roof)

PLAN EVACUATION ROUTE IN ADVANCE

- Call relatives/friends and determine SEVERAL evacuation routes.
- Bring anything combustible inside, including garbage cans if you have a garage
- Clean your gutters if you haven't already
- Park the car facing a direction you'd want to leave in
- Close windows/skylights, pull curtains and combustibles away from windows
- Put ladders and hoses outside where they can be accessed
- Have two routes out of your home if using your car isn't possible
- Know where your local designated safe spot is.

For extensive advice on how best to prep your home inside and out, pre-evacuation, for the best outcomes, please [review this great list](#) on readyforwildfire.org. Reading these checklists ahead of time will give your home the best chances of survival.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS

- Canned soups/protein. Snacks! Dried fruit
- Tea and beverages to share
- Cooler
- Frozen bottles of water in cooler as ice
- Water container / water (5-7 gallon is great)
- Spices, salt
- Vitamin supplements, protein powder
- Stove, pan, spoons, knife, cutting board
- Mug, coffee thermos, can opener

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Monitor East Bay radio, television and internet sources for vital information. Berkeley's emergency radio stations are 1610 AM, KPFB 89.3 FM, KCBS 740 AM, KQED 88.5 FM, KSOL 98.9 FM (Spanish). If you feel threatened, leave immediately. Do not wait for an evacuation order.

IF YOU DO HAVE TO EVACUATE & NEED TO RELOCATE OR REBUILD

Start with this small list:

- Get a PO Box
- Longer term rental search - Include insurance on it so they pay directly for your rental. Find a "Like Property" so insurance will cover a nice place for you to live while you work through everything. You might be living in your temp home for 2 years, so choose wisely.
- Find a place to buy some sturdy boots and gloves. Get some shovels.

- ❑ Start working on your personal property list (this is not fun; be prepared to cry). Write it down the moment you remember something – keep a list on your phone or have a pad of paper with you at all times. (Hopefully you're reading this ahead of time and are making your list or video NOW).
- ❑ Save receipts. Loss of use insurance will cover incidentals – hairbrush, phone chargers, etc.
- ❑ As you buy things, tell the store owner your situation. Most stores will give you some level of discount as their way of helping you.
- ❑ Let people do things for you. Do you have a friend that you can send to the store to buy you some basic clothes or comfort foods? Let them help; you don't need to spend time doing these errands.

Then comes the BIG List:

- ❑ Register at the shelters with the Red Cross and any other agency (California FEMA, etc.)
- ❑ Most of the aid coming in will use these lists as a point of contact and will help to ensure that you don't get left out of anything. This will be especially important should FEMA be activated.
- ❑ Call Homeowners/Rental insurance to trigger "Loss of Use"
This typically will allow you to be in a "like" property for x number of years and sometimes has a dollar limit attached. This coverage should also give you immediate access to funds for essentials (clothes, toothbrushes, food, etc.) and will also get the ball rolling for the insurance claim on your home and rebuilding/personal property dollars.
- ❑ Get a PO box and forward all mail. Use this PO Box as the mailing address on all forms you begin to fill out.
- ❑ Start searching for a long-term rental.

- ❑ Coordinate with your insurance company so that payments can be made directly from them, using your “Loss of Use” money. Plan on renting 1-2 years, but do not sign a lease for a full two years, as circumstances can change.
- ❑ Itemized list of belongings - you will need this for your claim!
- ❑ Organize by room; list everything that was there and its replacement cost.
- ❑ Make sure you list everything, even if it is above and beyond your policy limit. Everything above and beyond the policy limit is considered a loss and can be claimed as such on your taxes.
- ❑ Call all of your utilities and freeze or cancel service.
 - Electric, gas, TV, landline phone
 - Newspaper (cancel or update to PO Box)
- ❑ Call the rest of your insurance contacts as needed. (Car insurance and any specialty insurance for unique items)
- ❑ Permits
 - Debris Removal - This should be covered by your insurance – ask.
 - Erosion Control - If you are on a hill or have sloped property you will need to put some sort of erosion control measures in place.
 - Temporary Power Pole/Trailer on site Permit – Get this early.
- ❑ Taxes - You will be able to claim the monetary loss of the value of all your items minus what you receive from your insurance company.
- ❑ Network with others. You will learn so much from others as you go through the rebuilding process.