

Red Flag Day Checklist

Early evacuations save the most lives. Being prepared allows you to feel less overwhelmed in the moment. The Red Flag Day and Evacuation Order Checklist are meant to be used together to prepare for a wildfire evacuation. These checklists are helpful if you've also prepared your Evacuation Plans, Family Communication Plans, Go-Bags, Defensible Space, and Home Hardening.

Task	Done
Prepare to quickly depart	
Review your evacuation and communication plans	
Charge phones, portable electronic devices, and weather alert radio	
Fill car gas tank or full charge if electric.	
Park car in the driveway facing out for a quick exit.	
Monitor radio, websites, and social media for fire news	
Gather your evacuation supplies in one location	
Gather your medications, important documents, and pets in one location*	
Have family "Go Bags" in one location*	
Have pet "Go Bags" in one location*	
Have "evacuation clothes" ready to put on*	
Prepare your home	
Record your belongings to help with the insurance and recovery process. Take photos of every room, closet, and storage area*	
Close fireplace screens and/or doors*	
Remove flammable items from deck and within 5 ft. of house and deck*	
Connect garden hoses to outside taps and sprinklers*	
Clear flammable vegetation away from water supply infrastructure*	
Place ladder and hoses by house*	

* These items could be done at the beginning of fire season, and checked on Red Flag Days

Pre-Evacuation Order Checklist

Listed in order of priority

Time available	Task	D o n e
<p>“Mandatory evacuation” or if you feel unsafe.</p>	<p>Evacuate immediately. Early evacuation is the safest for you and your family. Late evacuation causes the greatest loss of life.</p>	
<p>“Pre-evacuation”</p>	<p>*** If there are strong winds, evacuate immediately. ***</p> <p>Review evacuation plan for family and livestock Review communication plan Have family and pet “Go Bags” nearby Load your medications, important documents, supplies and pets into your vehicle. Park car in driveway facing out with keys on you for quick exit.</p>	
<p>Near evacuation zones, but not in any evacuation status</p>	<p>*** If there are strong winds, evacuate immediately. ***</p> <p>Close windows, vents, doors, venetian blinds or non-combustible window coverings and drapes.</p> <p>Shut off gas at the meter and turn off pilot light. After the threat passes, call the gas company to re-establish service as needed.</p> <p>Close fireplace screens and/or doors</p> <p>Move flammable furniture, doormats, brooms and other flammable items into the center of the home away from windows and glass doors.</p> <p>Turn on a light in each room to increase the visibility of your home in heavy smoke.</p> <p>Shut-off air conditioner</p>	

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PRE-EVACUATION ORDER CHECKLIST

Because the time available to you may change in a moment's notice, start with the first priority. Secure People, Pets, then Structure.

Refer to local emergency plans for additional information

Time Available	Priority	Task
If you see fire or "Mandatory evacuation"	1	Evacuate immediately. Early evacuation is the safest for you and your family. Late evacuation causes the greatest loss of life.
"Pre-evacuation"	2	Review evacuation plan for family and livestock Review communication plan Have family and pet "Go Bags" nearby Load your medications, important documents, supplies and pets into your vehicle.
	3	Park car in driveway facing out with keys in ignition for quick exit. Disconnect automatic garage door opener for quick access by emergency personnel.
Near evacuation zones, but not in any evacuation status	4	Close windows, vents, doors, venetian blinds or non-combustible window coverings and drapes.

	5	Shut off gas at the meter. Turn off propane tanks including BBQ and other portable tanks. After the threat passes, call the gas company to re-establish service as needed.
	7	Close fireplace screens and/or doors
	8	Move flammable furniture, doormats, brooms and other flammable items into the center of the home away from windows and glass doors.
	9	Turn on a light in each room to increase the visibility of your home in heavy smoke.
	10	Erect ladders against house and place fire-fighting tools (rake,shovel, chainsaw) in front of house
	12	Connect garden hoses to outside taps and sprinklers.
	13	If available, set up a portable gasoline powered pump.
	14	Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or heavy aluminum foil.
	15	Wet or remove shrubs within 30 feet of home.
	16	If combustible materials are present, place lawn sprinklers on the roof and near above ground fuel tanks and wet down. Do not leave sprinklers unattended; turn off when you leave your home.
	17	Protect water sources - wet down pump house. Fill garbage cans and buckets with water and place them in front of the house.

	18	Protect water sources - wet down pump house, clear flammable vegetation way from supply infrastructure.
	19	Implement evacuation of livestock.