Wildfire Emergency Evacuation Checklist

If you see a wildfire, call 9-1-1. Don't assume that someone else has already called. Describe the location of the fire, speak slowly and clearly, and answer any questions asked by the dispatcher.

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WHAT TO DO NOW TO PREPARE

Clear debris from roof and gutters
Clear driveway to at least 20 feet wide with 15 feet vertical clearance (for emergency vehicles)
Clear vegetation from within 3 feet of hydrants
Clear weeds and cut grass within 30 feet of structures, propane tanks, utility boxes
Develop outdoor water supply with hoses to reach entire house, nozzle, and pump
Document an annotated list of all belongings
Have fire tools, ladder, and fire extinguishers available
Install chimney screen or spark arrestor
Install enclosed sides on stilt foundations and decks
Install only non-combustible roof material
Install screens on foundation and eave vents
Install shutters, fire curtains, or heavy drapes on windows
Install smoke detectors and test quarterly
Make a video of all belongings, talking about each
Post load limits on access bridges
Post name/address signs clearly visible from street or road
Practice family fire drill and evacuation plans
Practice STOP, DROP, and ROLL (should clothes catch on fire)
Prepare a list of valuables to take with you (store together, if possible)
Remove branches that overhang within 15 feet of roof and chimney
Remove trash and debris accumulations
Remove trees growing through porch, deck, or roof
Stack firewood uphill or on a contour at least 30 feet away from house
Take still pictures of all belongings as a backup
Thin and prune your trees and brush