

Wildfire Evacuation Checklist (10 Ps)

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Leave Early

Forget the Garden Hose

Moments to Respond:

- 1) **P**eople
- 2) **P**hone
- 3) **P**rescriptions (Non-over-the-counter meds you need daily: insulin, heart medication, EpiPen®, etc.)

Minutes to Respond:

- **P**ets
- **P**hotos
- **P**ocketbook (purse, wallet, money clip)
- **P**ersonal Computer (easy to grab laptop and/or external hard drive)
- **P**ersonal Items (phone and computer charging cords, water bottle, clothes, toiletries, sun and/or reading glasses)
- **P**riceless _____ (you fill in the blank: heirlooms, collections, sentimental value, etc.)
- **P**apers (keep in mind, most documents can be replaced...)

Leave early! Be familiar with multiple evacuation routes. Turn on your headlights. Drive cautiously.

Do NOT plan to slow down a wildfire or save your house with a garden hose! Intense heat, flames and blowing smoke will render this approach useless and dangerous.



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