

Emergency Evacuation Checklist – Page 3 of 3

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Each person must decide for himself or herself what items to gather according to any list depending upon the time given to evacuate. Here is a compilation of the more useful items to take, what to do before leaving, and what to do now to prepare.

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 10 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
- ___ Keep evacuation vehicle gas tank full
- ___ 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