

(d) When evacuation is imminent

If your home is threatened by wildfire, you will be contacted by law enforcement officers and advised to evacuate. If you are not contacted, or if you decide to stay and help defend your home, evacuate pets and any family members not needed to protect your home.

Complete as many of these preparations as possible, but do not jeopardize your life. No material item is worth a life. You are strongly urged to evacuate as soon as you are advised to do so, or if you feel unsafe.

1. Wear fire-resistant clothing and protective gear: sturdy shoes, cotton or woolen clothing, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, gloves, and a handkerchief to protect face.
2. Close all windows, doors and skylights to prevent embers from entering house. Do not lock them.
3. Remove drapes and curtains made from light material such as cotton, lace, or nylon. Close metal blinds, heavy drapes or fire-resistant window coverings.
4. Move overstuffed furniture and lightweight flammable materials into the center of the house, away from windows and sliding glass doors.
5. Turn on a light in each room as well as all outside lights (so firefighters can see your house through smoke). Leave them on even during daylight hours.
6. Fill tubs, sinks and any other containers with water.
7. Close all inside doors.

8. Remove combustible materials like patio furniture from decks and around structure. Move inside or at least 30 feet away.
9. Place grill propane tanks in center of garage.
10. Close or cover outside vents and shutters.
11. Position garden hoses so they reach the entire house. Leave the hoses charged, with an adjustable nozzle, but turned off
12. Place large, full water containers around the house. Soak burlap sacks, small rugs, or large rags in the containers.
13. Place an aluminum ladder against the roof of the house on the opposite side of the approaching wildfire. Place a prepared garden hose near the ladder.
14. Place portable pumps near available water supplies: pools, hot tubs, creeks, etc.
15. Shut off the gas at the outside meter or the propane tank.
16. If you have vehicles you are unable to take with you, either park them in the garage, facing out, or park them away from structures. Don't block the driveway. Leave the keys in the ignition or on the seat. Close windows, but don't lock the doors.
17. Disconnect the automatic garage door opener. Close the garage door, but leave it unlocked.
18. Open and secure all fence gates.

>>> When evacuating <<<

Choose a route away from the fire, if possible. Watch for changes in the speed and direction of the fire and smoke.

Wildfire Preparedness

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Emergency status updates & info

Boulder CO Office of Emergency Mgmt:

www.boulderoem.com/emergency-status

Boulder CO Emergency Info Line:

(303) 441-4300

Larimer CO Office of Emergency Mgmt:

www.larimer.org/emergency

Larimer CO Emergency Info Line:

(970) 498-5500



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(a) Emergency Notification System

A best practice is to sign up for emergency notifications about imminent threats/hazards. It's easy and you can choose how you want to receive the info: mobile, text, landline, etc.

Boulder County: www.boco911alert.com

Larimer County: www.larimer.org/emergency

(b) Yearly tasks and maintenance

1. Create a 30-foot defensible space around your structures. Within that space:
 - Thin trees and brush.
 - Weed-whack.
 - Remove trash, debris.
 - Remove trees growing through porch.
 - Clear roof and gutters of leaves, debris.
 - Remove branches overhanging chimney and roof.
2. Stack firewood uphill or on a contour beyond defensible space.
3. Create defensible home and structures:
 - Place shutters, fire curtains or heavy drapes on windows.
 - Screen vents in foundation/eaves.
 - Enclose sides of stilt foundations and decks.
 - Use a chimney screen or spark arrester.
 - Make sure an outdoor water supply is available, with hose, nozzle and pump.
 - Make sure escape ladder and fire extinguishers are available.
 - Install and test smoke detectors
 - Inspect installed sprinkler system.
4. Prepare your property:
 - Clear vegetation around fire hydrants, cisterns, propane tanks, etc.

- Post address signs so that they are clearly visible from the street or road
- Make sure the driveway is wide enough for fire trucks and equipment.

5. Practice family fire drill/evacuation plan.
6. Maintain home inventory list with photos or videos, including photos of house exterior and landscape, and store offsite.

>>> Emergency "Go" bags <<<

Create bags with supplies for each person that you can grab quickly when you need to go:

- Safe drinking water (one gal/person/day)
- Change of clothes and shoes
- Blankets, sleeping bags
- First aid kit and water purification
- Portable radio, flashlight, extra batteries
- Food, eating supplies, can opener, matches

(c) When an evacuation is possible

1. If a wildfire is threatening your area, listen to local radio or TV stations for updated reports and evacuation information.
2. Confine pets to one room and make plans to take care of them in the event of evacuation. Prepare pet crates, food, extra water, bowls, and leashes.
3. Make plans for the evacuation of livestock. Arrange for transportation and a place to take them to. If you are unable to move them, leave food and water for them.
4. Arrange for temporary housing outside the evacuation area. Leave a note in a prominent place in your home that says where and how you can be contacted.

>>> What to prepare to take <<<

1. Go bags.
2. Identification: driver's license or photo ID. Ensure at least one item shows your name and current residence address (like a utility bill), in case you need the proof for reentry into evacuation zone.
3. Credit cards, ATM cards, cash, traveler's checks.
4. Important documents:
 - Birth, death, adoption, and marriage certificates
 - Passport
 - Medical and immunization records
 - Insurance policies
 - Healthcare directives
 - Recent bank and investment statements
 - Recent federal and state tax returns
 - Deeds and titles
 - Wills and trust documents
 - Durable power of attorney
 - Stock and bond certificates
 - Vehicle registration
 - Employee-benefit documents
5. Extra set of car keys.
6. Prescription medications and eyeglasses.
7. Toiletries, including items for infants (formula, diapers), elderly, and disabled.
8. Cell phone, laptop/tablet, and chargers.
9. Address book.
10. Family heirlooms, photo, videos.
11. Computer backups.
12. Computer user name and passwords.