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HOW DO I PREPARE FOR A WILDFIRE EVACUATION?

Ready.gov says to evacuate immediately when authorities tell you to. Before then, know your routes and rehearse them with pets, keep supplies in a go bag or in your car, sign up for local alerts, and keep a full tank of gas if an evacuation seems likely.

THE STEPS

01 Sign up for local emergency alerts and download the FEMA app for National Weather Service alerts.

02 Learn your zone and your routes, plus alternates in different directions.

03 Pack a go bag for each person and keep supplies in a go bag or in the trunk of your car.

04 Keep a full tank of gas if an evacuation seems likely, and otherwise at least half.

05 Rehearse leaving with your pets, and pick a pet-friendly destination in advance.

06 Evacuate immediately if authorities tell you to. If time allows, leave a note at home saying when you left and where you went.

07 Keep a fire-resistant zone of at least 30 feet around the home clear of debris.

THE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Alerts signed up
- ☐ Two routes in different directions
- ☐ Go bag by the door
- ☐ Tank at least half full
- ☐ Pet carrier and leash
- ☐ Copies of documents in a waterproof container

Sources: Ready.gov, Wildfires; Ready.gov, Evacuation; Ready.gov, Prepare Your Pets for Disasters. Last reviewed November 17, 2026. General planning information, not medical, legal or financial advice.