



County of Los Angeles
Fire Department
Operation Evacuation

EVACUATION PLAN

Do you have one?

Emergency preparedness must be a priority for everyone that lives or works in a wildland interface area. A major part of your preparedness is to develop a logical well thought out and executed evacuation plan. A good evacuation plan includes the following:

- Predetermined routes of travel based on direction fire is moving.
- Identify at least two (2) exit routes from your neighborhood.
- Knowledge of designated residential assembly points within your local area.
- Knowledge of local emergency contacts.
- Plan, review, and practice with family and neighbors.

PREPARATION AHEAD OF THE FIRE

- Back the car in the garage heading out (windows closed and keys in the ignition).
- Close the garage door, leave it unlocked, disconnect the automatic garage door opener in the case of power failure.
- Place important documents, photo albums, pets and other valuables inside your car in case you have to evacuate.
- Keep a flashlight and portable radio with you at all times and stay tuned to your local news station.

DURING EVACUATION

- If you become trapped by fire while evacuating in your car, park in an area clear of vegetation, close all vehicle windows and vents, cover yourself with a blanket or jacket and lie on the floor.
- If you are trapped by fire while evacuating on foot, select an area clear of vegetation or lie faced down in a ditch.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO EVACUATE WHEN A FIRE APPROACHES

- Stay inside your house away from outside walls.
- Keep all doors closed but leave them unlocked.
- Keep your entire family together and **REMAIN CALM**. Remember if it gets hot in the house, it is four to five times hotter and more dangerous outside.

AFTER THE FIRE PASSES

- Check the exterior and roof immediately, extinguish all sparks and embers. If you must climb on the roof, use caution.
- Check inside the attic for hidden burning embers.
- Check your yard for burning woodpiles, trees, fence posts or other materials.