



Cathedral City Fire & EMS

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Evacuation Checklist

Inside the house

- Pack your 'Go Bag' or [Emergency Kit](#), ready to grab
- Check that your [Wildfire Action Plan](#) is up to date
- Know your community's emergency plan, evacuation routes, and destinations
- Close all windows and doors but leave them unlocked
- Take down flammable window treatments like shades and curtains, and close metal shutters
- Clear away light curtains
- Move anything that burns easily to the middle of rooms, away from windows and doors
- Turn off the gas at the meter and pilot lights
- Leave lights on for firefighters to see your house in smoke
- Switch off the air conditioning

Outside the house

- Bring in flammable items from outside, like patio furniture, toys, doormats, and trash bins. Alternatively, place them in your pool
- Shut off propane tanks
- Move grills and other propane BBQ appliances away from the house
- Attach garden hoses to outside taps for firefighter use and fill buckets with water to scatter around
- Don't leave sprinklers or water running as it can lower critical water pressure.
- Keep exterior lights on to make your home visible in smoky or dark conditions.
- Put your emergency kit in your car
- Park your car in the driveway, facing outwards, loaded and ready, with all doors and windows shut
- Have a ladder handy for firefighter roof access
- Seal attic and ground vents with plywood or commercial seals
- Keep an eye on the fire situation and don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel at risk
- Check with neighbors to ensure they're also prepared

Animals

- Keep pets close and ready to go
- Plan for farm animal evacuation early, arranging transport and safe locations

For more information go to www.readyforwildland.org

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