

Wildfire Action Plan

As many of you already know, it's good to have the discussion of how to react in the event of a wildfire or other disaster. All of us want to ensure the safety of our families and loved ones and an excellent website to visit is <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/> where you will be guided through the steps it takes to prepare for such unplanned, frightening events.

We talked about the ***Emergency Supply Kit*** and now we'll review their guidance on creating a Wildfire Action Plan. Be sure that all members of your household are familiar with this plan, and of course each family's plan will vary, depending on your issues, needs and situations. Here are their suggestions for a basic action plan:

Your evacuation plan should include:

- A designated emergency meeting location outside of the fire or hazard area. (This is critical to determine who has safely evacuated from the affected area).
- Several different escape routes from your home and community. Practice these often so everyone in your family is familiar in case of emergency.
- Have an evacuation plan for pets & large animals (such as horses & other livestock).
- Have a Family Communication Plan that designates an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact to act as a single source of communication among family members in case of separation. (It is easier to call or message one person and let them contact others than to try and call everyone when phone, cell, and internet systems can be overloaded or limited during disaster.)

Be Prepared:

- Have fire extinguishers on hand & train your family how to use them (check expiration dates regularly).
- Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric and water main shut-off controls are located & how to safely shut them down in an emergency.
- Assemble an ***Emergency Supply Kit*** for each person.
- Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers and keep in your emergency supply kit.
- Keep an extra Emergency Supply Kit in your car in case you cannot get to your home.

REMEMBER THE SIX "P's"

1. People & Pets
2. Papers, phone numbers & important documents
3. Prescription, vitamins and eyeglasses
4. Pictures & irreplaceable memorabilia
5. Personal computer hard drive
6. Plastic (credit cards, ATM cards) and cash