

Wildfire Evacuation Plan - To Do Yesterday:

1. Post Evacuation Checklist on garage door.
2. Make a thorough video on entire interior/exterior of the home.
3. List which items are to be grabbed and where they are located.
4. Routinely clear debris from gutters and roof valleys.

To Do When Told to Prepare to Evacuate:

1. Remove doormats.
2. Remove outside furniture fabric cushions.
3. Move wood furniture/décor items to garage.
4. Move portable propane bottles away from the house or to garage.
5. Pack car.
6. Ensure fireplace wood stacks are moved away from the house.
7. Attach hoses to hose bibs and set them where firefighters can easily see them.
8. Staple heavy aluminum foil over roof vents.
9. Move stored gas cans and gas powered snow blowers/lawn mowers away from house.

When Evacuating:

1. Take medications, flashlights, masks, fire extinguisher.
2. Close all windows.
3. Close garage doors.
4. Turn off propane at tank. (Check with your propane company for their advice on this. The tank supposedly has a venting system that will not let the tank explode.)
5. Take your pets and their medications.

Notes:

University of Nevada's Cooperative Extension Program produced an excellent brochure **Be Ember Aware!** (Brochure FS-09-05).

For other threat reduction tips, go to <http://www.livingwithfire.info>

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