



Wildfire

What to do before, during, and after a wildfire. Print it and keep it with your kit.

Before (preparation)

- Create **defensible space around your home**: clear dry brush, leaves, and dead plants, and keep flammable material away from walls, decks, and vents.
- Sign up for **local alerts** and follow CAL FIRE, your local fire agency, and the National Weather Service for red-flag warnings.
- Pack **go-bags ahead of time** for every member of the household, and keep them by the door so you can leave fast.
- Plan your **evacuation routes** and a meeting point, and keep your vehicle fueled and facing out for a quick exit.
- Keep **N95 respirator masks** on hand to reduce how much smoke you breathe in.
- Store **important documents** (ID, insurance papers) in a grab-and-go folder, and refill prescription medications.

During

1. **If you are told to evacuate, leave immediately.** Don't wait to see the flames; early evacuation keeps roads open for everyone.
2. **Take your go-bags and follow your planned route.** Drive with headlights on and watch for smoke, embers, and other vehicles.
3. **Wear an N95 mask and limit smoke exposure.** Keep car windows up and air on recirculate while you drive out.
4. **If you cannot leave, stay indoors** with doors and windows closed, away from outside walls, and keep a phone with you.
5. **Call 911 to report a fire or if you are trapped.** Tell them your exact location and stay on the line if you can.

After

- Return only when **officials say it is safe**; hidden hotspots and weakened structures remain dangerous after the fire passes.
- Watch for hotspots and embers** around your property, in mulch, and on the roof, and have water ready to douse them.
- Check air quality** and keep wearing an N95 mask outdoors while smoke lingers; keep windows closed when the air is bad.
- Photograph any **damage for your insurance** before cleaning up, and restock whatever you used from your kit.

Safety: never run a generator, grill, or any fuel-burning device indoors, in a garage, or near windows. They give off carbon monoxide, an odorless, invisible gas that can be deadly. Keep generators outside and far from doors and vents.

Get ready for wildfire season in your area

The planner sizes your kit by people and days.

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