

# Wildfire Evacuation Playbook

This playbook provides a step-by-step guide for safely evacuating in the event of a wildfire. It details the measures that individuals should take to prepare for an evacuation and how to execute it effectively.

## Step 1: **Stay Informed**

Regularly monitor local news and weather reports for wildfire threats. Sign up for community alerts and download any recommended emergency notification apps for real-time updates.

## Step 2: **Emergency Kit**

Prepare an emergency evacuation kit in advance. Include essential items such as non-perishable food, water, prescribed medications, clothing, important documents, and personal items.

## Step 3: **Evacuation Plan**

Create a family evacuation plan. Identify several escape routes from your area, establish a meeting point, and make arrangements for pets. Practice this plan with all household members.

## Step 4: **Secure Home**

If time allows, take steps to secure your home before leaving. Close all windows and doors, remove flammable window shades, and shut off gas and propane suppliers to minimize fire damage.

## Step 5: **Evacuate Early**

Do not wait for an official evacuation order if you feel threatened. Leave early to avoid traffic, road closures, and extreme conditions. Follow the evacuation routes identified in your plan.

## Step 6: **Check-In**

Once you have safely evacuated, check in with family members and emergency contacts to confirm your safety. Use social media, texting, or local disaster check-in services if available.

# **General Notes**

## **Local Authorities**

Always follow instructions given by local emergency management authorities and first responders during evacuation advisories and orders.

## **Accessibility Needs**

Account for any individuals with accessibility needs in your evacuation plan, ensuring they have the necessary support and supplies for a safe evacuation.

## **Pets and Livestock**

Prepare for the evacuation of pets and livestock by having carriers, food, and water ready. Understand that not all emergency shelters accept animals, so plan accordingly.