EVACUATION CHECKLIST

Go-Bag Essentials
☐ Important documents (bank, IRS, trust, investment, insurance policy, birth certificates, medical records)
☐ ATM, credit and debit cards and cash in small bills
☐ Medications, Rx numbers and vaccination records for humans and pets
☐ Necessary medical devices and their accessories
☐ Non-perishable food and water for 72 hours
☐ Driver's license, passport
☐ Computer backup files & passwords
☐ Inventory of home contents (consider making a video inventory now, prior to an emergency)
☐ Photographs of the exterior of the house and landscape
☐ Address book including medical and veterinarian contact information
☐ Cell phone charger, car charger and battery packs
☐ Personal toiletries
☐ Enough clothing for 3-5 days
☐ Family heirlooms, photo albums and videos (must be easily carried)
☐ Batteries

What to Wear
☐ Wear only cotton or wool clothes, including long pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, a hat, and boots
☐ Carry gloves, water to drink, and goggles
☐ Keep your cell phone, a flashlight, and portable radio with you at all times
☐ Tune in to a local radio station and listen for instructions
☐ NIOSH N95 or P100 mask

Prepare Family Members
☐ If possible, evacuate all family members not essential to preparing the house for wildfire
☐ Plan several evacuation routes from your home, if possible
☐ Designate a safe meeting place and contact person
☐ Relay your plans to a contact person
☐ Register for the local emergency notification system
☐ Offer to help your neighbors if they do not or cannot drive

Prepare Vehicle
☐ Keep your vehicle's gas tank full
☐ Park in your driveway facing out
☐ Roll up the car windows
☐ Close the garage door
☐ Place essential items in the car
☐ If you do not drive, make other arrangements for transportation in advance
☐ Close garage door when you leave

Inside the Home
☐ Close all interior doors
☐ Leave a light on in each room
☐ Remove lightweight, non-fire-resistant curtains and other combustible materials from around windows
☐ Close fire-resistant drapes, shutters, and blinds
☐ Turn off all pilot lights
☐ Move overstuffed furniture, such as couches and easy chairs, to the

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Center of the room
☐ Close fireplace damper
☐ Close or block off any doggie-doors
☐ Lock-up firearms or valuables

Outside the Home
☐ Place combustible patio furniture and barbeques in the house, garage, or away from the home
☐ Shut off propane at the tank or natural gas at the meter, and clear the area of combustible material
☐ Close all exterior vents, doors, and windows
☐ Leave gates unlocked
☐ Turn on outside lights
☐ If available and if there’s time, cover windows, attic openings, and vents with plywood that is at least one-half inch thick
☐ Ensure that all garden hoses are connected to faucets and turned off
☐ Don’t leave sprinklers on, or water running; they can affect critical water pressure
☐ Ensure that house numbers and street signs are visible and reflective if possible

Prepare Pets
☐ Have identification on your animal
  » Many animal species can be microchipped (Microchipping is a permanent form of identification for your pet)
☐ Have veterinary records and medications in one easy-to-find place
  » A gallon ziplock bag can keep them dry and catch any pills that may fall out of a container that isn’t securely shut
☐ Transport food, water and bowls in easy-to-carry, sealed containers
☐ Have a buddy system
  » Can your neighbors help if you are not home during an evacuation?
  » Do you have a family member or friend that can help house your animals should you need to be evacuated for an extended time?
☐ Dogs and small pets should be securely crated with only one animal per carrier
  » Even well-behaved pets can panic and run away during a stressful event; a carrier can keep them safe
☐ Remove any non-essential items from carriers or cages, as unsecured items can injure a pet during transport

Prepare Horses, Livestock, and Other Large Animals
☐ Have a livestock trailer and reliable vehicle for towing the trailer
☐ Practice loading your livestock into the trailer and towing it before an emergency
☐ Remember that animals are likely to be stressed due to the smell of smoke, the sound of sirens, or the flashing lights on vehicles.
☐ Register for the local emergency notification system to get alerts about sheltering locations

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