



WHAT TO DO BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER A WILDFIRE

A Wildfire Preparedness Checklist

Before the wildfire

- Make a plan beforehand – where will you go if you need to evacuate?
- Create defensible space -- a fire-resistant zone free of flammable materials -- at least 30 feet from your home.
- Make sure important documents like insurance papers are current AND store copies in a secure, password-protected digital space.
- Include N95 masks in your ready kit to help protect yourself from smoke inhalation.
- Keep your cell phone charged and ready to go.

During the wildfire

- Monitor instructions from local authorities from your phone, radio, or TV for as long as you have power.
- Evacuate immediately if directed by authorities.
- If not ordered to evacuate, stay inside in a safe location or go to a community building where smoke levels are lower.
- If conditions are smoky, put on an N95 mask to protect yourself from smoke inhalation.

After the wildfire

- Do not leave or return to your home until local authorities confirm that it is safe to do so.
- Avoid hot debris, live embers and heat pockets on the ground that can still burn.
- Wear protective clothing such as long-sleeved shirts, work gloves and thick-soled shoes during any clean-up efforts.
- Carefully note damage to support claims to your insurance provider and keep records of any repair expenses.
- Consider enlisting the assistance of a public adjuster to assist with insurance claims.