



# Forrest Groves Estates Homeowner's Association Wildfire Emergency Evacuation Checklist

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If a wildfire approaches your home, or if you have been notified by officials to evacuate your area, the following checklists may be used as a guide for items you may want to take with you. Each person must decide what items to gather, according to time available to safely evacuate. Remember, there is nothing you own worth your life! Please evacuate when asked and follow evacuation instructions.

Checklists like these are meant to keep you safe, but also serve to keep the fire fighters safe -which in turn will help increase the chances of your structures surviving a catastrophic fire.

**Firefighters may choose not defend a structure that is high risk...is your home Fire Wise?**

## Things to Take:

- Water
- Food
- Flashlight, extra batteries
- Battery powered or hand-crank radio
- First Aid kit
- Medications and medical items
- Sanitation/personal hygiene items
- Blanket
- Extra cash
- Credit cards
- Cell phone, charger
- Multipurpose tool
- Copies of personal documents:
  - birth certificates
  - social security cards
  - homeowner policies
  - deeds, titles
  - health insurance cards
  - Driver's license
  - Family contact information
- Maps of the area, or evacuation routes
- Back-up computer documents or computer
- Pet items
- Leash
- Carrier
- Food, pet treats
- Vaccination records
- Pet meds
- Clothing (including jackets, gloves, boots)
- Photographs, videos
- Items that could not be replaced if destroyed

## Things to Do:

*Before leaving your home (as time permits)*

- Park evacuation vehicles facing street, keys inside
- Have at least 1/2 tank of fuel in your vehicle at all times
- Make a prior arrangement to contact a neighbor or friend who might be available to help you in an evacuation with loading or driving a second or third vehicle, or to help with large animals
- Determine meeting place
- Confine pets to one room for easy evacuation
- Close all doors and windows
- Remove lightweight, non-fireproof curtains and other combustible materials from around windows.
- Close fire-resistant drapes, shutters, or blinds
- Turn off pilot lights
- Disconnect propane tank, or shut off gas at meter
- Fill bathtubs, sinks, other large containers with water
- Place a ladder against the roof
- Remove combustible items from around exterior of home
- Remove Propane tank from BBQ
- Turn on exterior lights
- Close all exterior vents if possible
- Close garage door
- Mark home as evacuated on door

You may opt to take a video or photo inventory of objects in your home. When doing so, remember to include the date of original purchase as well as model and serial numbers. This will expedite insurance claims and help you calculate real time replacement values.