

## Inside Your Home

- Shut off liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) or natural gas valves.
- Move furniture away from windows and sliding glass doors to keep it from igniting from the heat of fire radiating through windows.
- Remove your curtains and drapes. If you have metal blinds or special fire resistant window coverings, close them to block heat radiation.

## If You Cannot Evacuate Your Home When A Fire Approaches

- Stay inside your house, away from outside walls.
- Close all doors, but leave them unlocked.
- Keep your entire family together and remain calm.
- Remember: If it gets hot in the house, it is many times hotter and more dangerous outside.

## After The Fire Passes

- Check the roof immediately, extinguishing all sparks and embers. If you must climb onto the roof, use caution, especially if it is wet.
- Check your yard for burning woodpiles, trees, fence posts or other materials
- Keep the doors and windows closed.
- Continue rechecking your home and yard for burning embers for at least 12 hours.

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# TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

# Be prepared if a wildfire occurs.



**By preparing ahead**, your house has a better chance of surviving a wildfire. When a wildfire is immediately threatening your area, take the following steps to protect your home.

**First, if you see a fire approaching your home, report it immediately by dialing 911.** Stay on the phone to answer additional questions the emergency dispatcher may ask.

**Next, dress properly to prevent burns and lifelong scars.** Wear long pants and cotton or wool long-sleeve shirts or jackets. Gloves and a damp cloth provide added protection. Do not wear short sleeve shirts or clothing made of synthetic fabrics.

If there is time before the fire arrives, take the following actions.

### **Emergency Wildfire Survival Checklist**

#### ***Preparing to Evacuate***

- Park your car in the garage, heading out with windows closed and keys in the ignition.
- Close the garage door but leave it unlocked; disconnect the automatic garage door opener in case of power failure.
- Place valuable documents, family mementos and pets inside the car in the garage for quick departure, if necessary.
- If you do evacuate, use your pre-planned route, away from the approaching fire front.
- Keep a flashlight, cell phone and portable radio with you at all times.
- If you are trapped by fire while evacuating in your car, park in an area clear of vegetation, close all vehicle windows and vents, cover yourself with a blanket or jacket and lie on the floor.
- If you are trapped by fire while evacuating on foot, select an area clear of vegetation along a road. Cover any exposed skin with a jacket or blanket. Avoid canyons that can concentrate and channel fire.

### **Outside Your Home**

- Move combustible yard furniture away from the house or store it in the garage; if it catches fire while outside, the added heat could ignite your house.
- Cover windows, attic openings, eave vents, and sub-floor vents with fire resistive material such as 1/2 inch or thicker plywood. This eliminates the possibility of sparks blowing into hidden areas within the house. Close window shutters if they are fire resistive.
- Attach garden hoses to spigots and place them so they can reach any area of your house.
- Fill trash cans and buckets with water and locate them where firefighters can find them.
- If you have an emergency generator or a portable gasoline-powered pump that will supply water from a swimming pool, pond, well, or tank, clearly mark its location and make sure it is ready to operate.
- Place a ladder against the house on the side opposite the approaching fire to help firefighters to rapidly get onto your roof.
- Place a lawn sprinkler on flammable roofs, but don't turn it on unless the fire is an immediate threat. You do not want to reduce the supply of water for the firefighters.

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- Close all windows and doors to prevent sparks from blowing inside.
- Close all doors inside the house to slow down the spread of fire from room to room
- Turn on a light in each room of your house, on the porch, and in the yard. This will make the house more visible in heavy smoke or darkness.
- Fill sinks, bathtubs, and buckets with water. These can be important extra water reservoirs.