

Advanced preparation is the first step to an effective Wildfire Action Plan.

As the Fire Approaches:

Grab your Emergency Supply Kit

(See page 8 for checklist.)

- Locate other items of value that you may want to bring (that are not in your kit, such as important documents, family photos, irreplaceable items, and easily carried valuables). Put your kit and all other items in a place where you can grab them in a hurry.
- Keep the six “Ps” ready, in case an immediate evacuation is required (those not included in your kit):
 - People and pets
 - Papers, phone numbers, and important documents
 - Prescriptions, vitamins, and eyeglasses
 - Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia
 - Personal computers (hard drive and disks)
 - “Plastic” (credit cards, ATM cards) and cash

Alert Family and Neighbors

(See page 10 for worksheet.)

Get Prepared to Leave

- Dress in appropriate clothing (clothing made from natural fibers, such as cotton, and work boots). Have goggles and a dry bandana or particle mask handy.
- Stay tuned to your TV or local radio stations for updates, or check the City of Chula Vista’s website at **www.chulavistaca.gov**. In an emergency, the website will continually have updates.
- Remain close to your house, drink plenty of water and know where your family and pets are at all times.

Evacuate if asked to do so or if the threat is close to you.

- Follow your Personal Wildfire Evacuation Plan so everyone in your family knows where to go to find each other. (See page 10 for worksheet.)

OUTSIDE CHECKLIST

- Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside (patio furniture, children’s toys, door mats, etc.) or place them in your pool.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Connect garden hoses to outside taps.
- Don’t leave sprinklers on or water running, they can waste critical water pressure.
- Leave exterior lights on.
- Back your car into the garage. Shut doors and roll up windows.
- Have a ladder available.
- Patrol your property and extinguish all small fires.
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.

INSIDE CHECKLIST

- Shut all windows and doors.
- Remove flammable window shades and curtains and close metal shutters.
- Remove lightweight curtains.
- Move flammable furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.
- Shut off gas at the meter. Turn off pilot lights.
- Leave your lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.
- Shut off the air conditioning.