

If You Are Unable to Evacuate

- You are safer inside your home when the flames pass.
- Move furniture away from windows and sliding glass doors.
- Remove curtains and drapes to avoid ignition by radiant heat.
- Keep doors and windows closed but unlocked.
- Fill sinks and tubs with water.
- Use wet towels to breathe through and to seal doors from smoke.
- Keep your fire extinguishers close by.

After the Fire has Passed

- Check outside and in the attic for embers.
- Continue to be alert for spot fires around the house for a full day.
- Notify security patrols that you are safe.

There will likely be post-fire security firefighter patrols to prevent residents from entering or re-entering the area. For your security, please follow instructions from these firefighters.

The Cuyamaca Woods Fire Safe Council website (www.cuyamacawoodsfsc.org) contains a series of "Lessons Learned" offered by your neighbors who evacuated in the Cedar Fire, many of whom lost their houses in that fire. Please take a few minutes now to take advantage of their advice and tips.

Most important is this advice from Cal-Fire:

"It's not *if* there is a fire, it's *when* there is a fire."

So always take the information in this booklet and other resource sites seriously.

Get Ready to Go

If you hear that there is a wildfire approaching Greater Julian area, it is time to get ready. It is time to PREPARE TO GO!

- Load your car.
 - Grab-&-Go bags: 3-days food, water and clothing
 - Daily Essentials: money, medicine, glasses, contact lenses
 - Pet crate, pet food
 - Valuables, pictures, computers; chargers.
 - Flashlight. Battery radio. Extra batteries.
- Dress for evacuation: Long sleeves and pants, 100% cotton natural fabric preferred. Wear or take gloves and sturdy shoes.
- Close all windows and doors, but leave them unlocked for firefighters' use as needed.
- Attach and uncoil garden hoses.
- Turn off propane at the tank.
- Move lawn furniture away from (or into) the house.
- Take down curtains to avoid ignition by radiant heat.
- If you need help evacuating an animal, call the county's Department of Animal Services emergency line, (619) 236-2341.
- Review your Out-the-Door Checklist
- Decide on your destination and notify family members
- Tune to 600 or 760 AM or any local TV station.
- Be alert for an Emergency Notification call.
- Apply your Fire Prevention Gel, time permitting.
- Turn on your roof-top sprinklers, if you have them.

IF YOU SEE OR SMELL SMOKE – GO! DON'T WAIT!

Advanced Preparation

Complete this checklist before the threat!

- ☐ 1. Prepare a safe, defensible space for firefighters.
- ☐ 2. Learn about defensible zones around your home at www.readyssetgo.org.
- ☐ 3. Update your Homeowner's Insurance.
- ☐ 4. Create a Home Inventory. Take photos of everything, inside & out, and store them off-site.
- ☐ 5. Trim flammable vegetation away from wood structures.
- ☐ 6. Remove flammable litter from your roof and gutters.
- ☐ 7. Move stored firewood and other flammable items away from the house.
- ☐ 8. Test your smoke alarms and change batteries.
- ☐ 9. Check expiration dates on your fire extinguishers.
- ☐ 10. Screen your vents and eaves so that embers cannot enter.
- ☐ 11. Shake and pre-position your Fire Prevention Gel, if using.
- ☐ 12. Register cell phones for emergency alerts at www.readysandiego.org.
- ☐ 13. Prepare a list of daily essentials.
- ☐ 14. Prepare a list of irreplaceable items or memorabilia you want to take with you.
- ☐ 15. Pack a Grab-&-Go bag for each family member. This bag contains food, clothes, water and medical needs for three (3) days.
- ☐ 16. Make copies – paper or electronic - of important documents.
- ☐ 17. Prepare a plan for evacuating large animals such as horses.
- ☐ 18. Study the Evacuation Routes from your road.
- ☐ 19. Plan an evacuation destination.
- ☐ 20. Establish a family meeting place outside of Cuyamaca Woods.
- ☐ 21. Plan for evacuation assistance, if necessary.
- ☐ 22. Know how to turn off the propane tank.
- ☐ 23. Keep your car's gas tank full.
- ☐ 24. Become familiar with "2-1-1- San Diego Services."

Our Community Can Help

First Responders

and Each Other

- The Sheriff's office will notify each resident when an evacuation is ordered — time permitting,
- If you have not departed, open your garage door to let them know you are aware — and are preparing to leave.
 - When you leave, place the enclosed **YELLOW CARD** in plain sight. In a window, attached to a door or taped to your address post. Write names and cell phone numbers on the card.
 - If you are unable to leave and need help, place the enclosed **RED CARD** in plain sight. Write names and phone numbers on the card.
 - Unlock side gates to give fire fighters access to your backyard.
 - Leave your hoses out and hooked up.
 - Fire engines may need emergency water sources. If you have a high-pressure water valve, or water pool, leave the enclosed **BLUE CARD** in plain sight.
 - Traffic control along evacuation routes is difficult and dangerous. Take special care. Follow directions. The map in the center of this booklet identifies routes to locations that are frequently used as Emergency Evacuation Sites.
 - Do not try to re-enter the area until officials permit. Roads will no doubt be closed to all but first responders.

EVACUATION CARDS

HELP

GONE

WATER

*Enclosed with this pamphlet are yellow, red, and blue cards. They are intended to help first responders keep our community safe and secure.
Use these cards to help your neighbors and your neighbors to help you.*

Out-the-Door Checklist

- Check the windows and doors — closed but unlocked.
- Purse, wallet, keys, cell phone
- Grab-&-Go Bags. Daily Essentials
- Post the Evacuation Cards, as appropriate
- GO!!
- *Be sure the garage door is closed as you leave*

My Personal Wildfire Action Plan

Important Phone Numbers.....

Out of State Contact.....Phone.....

Work.....

School.....

Other.....

Neighbors/Friends Cell Numbers.....

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Evacuation Route.....

Evacuation Destination.....

Location of Grab & Go Bags.....

Notes.....

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YOUR EVACUATION PLAN

**This evacuation planning guide has been
prepared by the Cuyamaca Woods
Fire Safe Council, a 501(c)(3) volunteer organization
supporting your community.**

*These guidelines were prepared in consultation with Cal-Fire and the Sheriff's Office.
Their expertise and counsel was invaluable.*

Wildfires happen suddenly. These checklists can help you
be prepared in case an approaching fire requires an evacuation.
As a fire approaches, neighborhoods will be notified by telephone,
television, radio, and neighborhood sweeps by sheriff patrols.
However, if you know a wildfire is approaching,
don't wait to be notified. Go!

**If you wait too long you may experience severe
traffic congestion and panic.**

Keep this guide close to your main exit so you can find it and
everyone can use it in case you are not at home.

