



Steps to take Before You Evacuate Help firefighters keep your home safer!

- 1.) Leave hoses connected, front and back, visible and with good spray nozzles attached. Make sure water is not on.
- 2.) Make sure sprinklers and auto water systems are off, and water is not running. This can adversely affect water pressure that firefighters need.
- 3.) Leave wooden gates open and unlocked to interrupt any fuse-like burning along the fence from reaching your home.
- 4.) Leave a non-combustible/ metal ladder out and visible.
- 5.) Turn off air conditioning, attic fans, and whole house fans to avoid outside air/smoke or ember intake.
- 6.) Turn off and unplug appliances, and don't forget that icemaker! (*avoid damage from power surges*)
- 7.) Bring all combustibles indoors - patio furniture cushions, jute mats & brooms, and umbrellas, anything that will burn.
- 8.) Turn BBQ propane tanks off and >30' away from the house or into the garage.
- 9.) Close all windows and interior doors. Move furniture to center of room if time, away from windows.
- 10.) Turn interior lights on so firefighters can see your house through heavy smoke.
- 11.) Check on your neighbors to make sure they know to evacuate and are able to evacuate.
- 12.) During smoky conditions wear a N-95 respirator. Have a headlamp or flashlight handy, even in the daylight; wear sensible (sturdy, protective) clothes.
- 13.) Keep pet carriers by front door, loaded and ready to go.
- 14.) Have your vehicle backed into driveway (out of garage), full of gas – or fully charged if electric - windows & doors closed, loaded with go-bags and important necessities. Keep your keys in your pocket.