

### **Red Flag Warnings Tip #4 – It's Time to Leave! Steps to Take Before You Evacuate**

- Add last minute items to your Go-Bags – medications, cell phones, computers & chargers, etc.
- Turn off air conditioning, attic fans, and whole house fans to avoid outside air, smoke, or ember intake.
- Turn off and unplug appliances to avoid damage from power surges; don't forget the icemaker which can melt, leak & cause damage. Empty the ice!
- Close all windows and interior doors; leave doors unlocked.
- Leave interior & exterior lights on so firefighters can see your house through heavy smoke.
- Leave a note informing others when you left, where you went, and cell number. Leave a hidden key. Put a visible "OK" or "Evacuated" sign in front window so firefighters don't spend valuable time checking on you.
- During smoky conditions, wear a N-95 respirator. Have a headlamp or flashlight handy, even in the daylight; wear sensible (sturdy, protective) clothes.
- *Only if appropriate*, shut off gas supply line at the meter or propane tank.  
***Help firefighters keep your home safer!***