



Plan Your Escape Now!

When you receive this handout you should:

- **Highlight your evacuation route now & post Map in a conspicuous location.**
- Make plans in advance for anyone who may be in your home when you are not (children, elderly, etc.)
- Prepare a checklist of important items to bring (documents, medications, clothing, family photos, etc.)
- Road closures may prevent you from re-entering your neighborhood.
- Prearrange a family meeting place outside your neighborhood.
- Disabled persons or those with special needs- develop a network of friends/ neighbors that can help you prepare for and assist you in a disaster.
- Plan how you will transport your pets. Make arrangements for the transportation and lodging of large animals. Make sure all your animals are wearing a license or ID tag.
- **VISIT www.fallbrookfiresafecouncil.org for more information on evacuation planning**

DON'T WAIT TO BE TOLD TO EVACUATE!

Most civilians die as a result of waiting too long to evacuate! If you see smoke and it is blowing toward your home or if you feel threatened, **Evacuate!** Most of the roads in the greater Fallbrook area are long, narrow or dead end roads. If you wait too long you will experience traffic congestion and panic. Evacuate early and stay out of the area until authorities permit reentry.

How will you be told to Evacuate ?

In the absence of information from Fire or Sheriff Personnel Tune on the radio KOGO AM-600, KFMB AM -760 or the local television stations 7/39 KNSD(NBC), 8 KFMB (CBS), 10 KGTV (ABC) 6 XETV (Fox) Fire Information may be obtained @ (858) 756-3006. **If you feel you have time to prepare for evacuation do the following:**

- Wear long sleeved cotton or wool clothing and long pants, gloves and a damp cloth to cover your nose and mouth. Do not wear synthetic fabrics.
- Park your car facing out keeping the windows closed. Close the garage door but leave it unlocked. Disconnect automatic garage door opener.
- Place valuable documents, family mementos, medicines, glasses and other valuables in your car.
- Secure pets in carriers so departure is not delayed.
- Move combustible yard furniture away from the exterior of the house or store it in the garage.
- Shut off propane (LPG) or natural gas valves
- Attach garden hoses to spigots to reach all parts of house
- Pre- treat your home with fire blocking gel.
- Place an alluminum ladder against the side of your house opposite the approaching fire for firefighter roof access
- Cover windows, attic openings, eave vents and sub- floor vents with fire resistant material such as thick plywood.
- Close all windows and doors to prevent sparks from blowing inside. Close all interior doors to slow interior fire spread.
- Make sure your house is visible in heavy smoke. Turn on porch / yard lights
- *"Most importantly, evacuation routes may change based upon fire conditions, so please be flexible"*

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO EVACUATE

If you are inside your home...

- Move furniture away from windows and sliding glass doors to block radiant heat.
- Remove curtains and drapes. Metal blinds or special fire resistant window coverings may be closed to block radiant heat.
- Keep all doors and windows closed, leaving them unlocked.
- Stay inside your house, away from the outside walls. Stay in rooms at the opposite end of the structure from an approaching fire.
- Keep your entire family together and remain as calm as possible. Place wet towels to seal the door of a room from smoke and to breathe through.
- **If it gets hot inside your house, the heat is even worse outside. If your house catches on fire, a wildfire will likely pass before your house is substantially damaged, stay indoors!**

If you are trapped in you car by fire while attempting to

evacuate... 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. Remember a car needs oxygen to operate so decide early the safest place to park. Be aware the tires on your car may burst; **remain inside your vehicle until the fire passes.**

- **If you are trapped by fire while attempting to evacuate on foot...** find a ditch or area along the road clear of vegetation (avoid canyons and outside edge roads as they channel wildfire). Lie face down and cover skin with a jacket or blanket.

Once the fire has passed...

- Account for the safety of every person
- Check the exterior of your home, roof, and attic for embers, and extinguish immediately.
- Keep doors & windows closed; continue to check your home and yard for burning embers for at least 12 hours.