



# WILDFIRE EVACUATION CHECKLIST

**TAKE GRAB & GO BAG – See Reverse side for list of items.**

## **FAMILY MEMBERS/PETS/LIVESTOCK:**

- If possible evacuate all family members not essential to preparing the house for wildfire.
- Plan several evacuation routes from your home.
- Designate a safe meeting place and “out of area” contact person.
- Relay your plans to the contact person.
- Evacuate pets and livestock whenever possible, AND never turn animals loose.

## **VEHICLE PREPARATION:**

- Place vehicles outside the garage pointing out.
- Keep vehicle fuel tank above half-full during fire season.
- Roll up the windows to keep out smoke and ash.
- Close the garage door, but leave unlocked.
- Place essential items in the car.
- If you do not drive, make other arrangements for transportation in advance.

## **PREPARING THE HOUSE:**

- Close all exterior doors, garage doors and windows. If weather seal or doors have gaps, seal with duct tape.
- Duck tape or cover all vents (attic, make-up air and dryer) closed.
- Turn off all pilot lights.
- Turn off your electricity, home water and air conditioning.
- Shut off propane or gas tanks.
- If you have an emergency water source (pool, pond, etc.) and/or portable pump, clearly mark its availability so it can be seen from the street or place a note on your front door.

## **OUTSIDE THE HOUSE: “If you have time to check”**

- Move all combustibles 10 metres from your home (especially patio furniture, propane tanks, firewood and toys).
- If you have a fence that attaches to your home, secure it in an open position (so that a burning fence won't guide fire to your house).
- Sweep or rake dead leaves and branches 10 metres away from your home. Create a 1.5 metre non-combustible zone around your home by raking down to mineral soil, rock or concrete. Mow grass and weeds within 10 metres.

## **LAST STEP**

- When you have evacuated your house place a dishtowel in the middle of your driveway at the street entrance or if you do not have a driveway place at your front door. Ensure you put a rock or stick on the dishtowel to hold it down. This advises SSI Responders that you have evacuated from your home.

**NOTES:** Mark down other items you may wish to take with you (i.e. family heirlooms, laptops, etc.)

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**SSI Emergency Operations Call Centre 250-537-1220**



## EMERGENCY EVACUATION KIT GRAB & GO BAG

Before an evacuation you should have this bag completed. When you are requested to leave your home and go to an Emergency Social Services Reception Centre, a Grab & Go Bag should be small enough for you to carry but can sustain you and your family for 6 - 12 hours. The following are some items that are recommended for this bag:

FOOD	MEDICAL	TOILETRIES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 litre of water for each person <input type="checkbox"/> Favourite high energy snacks	<input type="checkbox"/> Medications and a copy of prescriptions <input type="checkbox"/> Spare eyeglasses <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing aids and batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Small first aid kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush and toothpaste <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and/or hand sanitizer <input type="checkbox"/> Comb and/or brush <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine hygiene products	
IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS	OTHER	COMFORT ITEMS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Identification <input type="checkbox"/> Family emergency contact list <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of care card number(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance papers and add pictures of your house and contents <input type="checkbox"/> Passport number(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Spare keys for house/car	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand-crank flashlight <input type="checkbox"/> Radio (with batteries) <input type="checkbox"/> Orange Garbage Bag (could be used as a poncho or for garbage) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency blanket for each member <input type="checkbox"/> Small hoodie or jacket <input type="checkbox"/> A good whistle <input type="checkbox"/> Cash - coins and small bills	<input type="checkbox"/> Some family pictures <input type="checkbox"/> Small games or stuffy for children	
SPECIALTY ITEMS			
Baby Care		Pet Care	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Food <input type="checkbox"/> Bottles <input type="checkbox"/> Medications	<input type="checkbox"/> Diapers <input type="checkbox"/> Wipes	<input type="checkbox"/> Kennel <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Medications	<input type="checkbox"/> Leash, collar and ID Tag <input type="checkbox"/> Food and treats

This kit should be placed at the door you use the most to exit your home so you don't have to go looking elsewhere for it. If local authorities call for an evacuation, be prepared to leave NOW. Take your Grab & Go Bag and cell phone with you.