

Module 2 - Set to go!

What to take when you go.

Good to Go Sunol!

How to get ready, stay informed, evacuate and return from wildfire



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What to take when you go

Topics

- Immediate Evacuation
- When Evacuation is a possibility
- Preparing to shelter in place & for PSPS

Actions

- *No Time! Must Go! Checklist*
- *Got to Go Checklist*
- *Lighten up your "Go Bag"*
- *Family Communication Plan*
- *My Personal Protective Clothing*
- *Additional Information Sources*
- *Preparing to Shelter in Place or for Public Safety Power Shutoffs*
- *Neighborhood Ready: Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)*



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Immediate Evacuation – 6 Ps

Immediate evacuation is the first of the two types of evacuation.

This may be a call or knock on the door from a neighbor.

Or it may be that you see the nearby smoke or actual flames.

No time to do anything but get in the car and go.

Pre-prioritize your actions with the 6 Ps.

This is the time that a “go bag” is critical

Remember the Six P’s

- **P**eople & pets
- **P**apers
- **P**rescriptions
- **P**ictures
- **P**ersonal computer
- **P**lastic and cash

Tip:

You will need official identification (driver’s license) to re-enter the area after evacuation.

If your address is not current, include a current utility bill in your name.



Complete the following *No Time! Must Go! Checklist* and keep it handy taped to a kitchen cabinet or by your front door.

Do not wait to collect anything, unless you actually have time



Action: No Time! Must Go! Checklist

Didn't get your Go Bag together? Prioritize your top 10 items to grab if you must go NOW. (Number them 1 to 10).

- #___ Family members: _____(names/ ages)
- #___ Pets: _____(names/ species)
- #___ Map marked with 2 evacuation routes
- #___ Up-to-date Family Communication Plan
- #___ Prescriptions (ask your doctor for a multi day emergency supply, rotate annually)
- #___ Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- #___ Sunglasses or goggle to protect eyes from flying embers
- #___ Credit cards, cash or traveler's checks
- #___ Official identification (driver's license) plus utility bill, if address is not current.
- #___ Cell phone, spare battery and charger
- #___ Change of clothing
- #___ Small supply of energy food.
- #___ An extra set of car keys
- #___ First aid kit (compact)
- #___ Headlamp and or flashlight (handheld)
- #___ Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- #___ Spare batteries for flashlights, headlamp, and radio
- #___ Sanitation supplies (toilet paper, feminine hygiene, baby wipes/diapers)
- #___ Computer, tablet other electronics + chargers
- #___ Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, etc.)
- #___ 3 day supply of non-perishable food & 3 gallons of water per person
- #___ Other _____
- #___ Other _____

When Evacuation is a Possibility

Having time to think about evacuation is the second type of evacuation.

When a Red Flag Alert or Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS) have been called, it is time to consider evacuation as a possibility.

Take the three initial steps to be ready to evacuate:

1. Review Your Go Bag & Evacuation Checklist

IF you haven't already fill out your "Got to Go! Checklist" and "Family Communications Plan" turn to pages 7 and 8.

If evacuation is anticipated and time allows, follow these checklists to give your family and home the best chance of survival. Place copies of the completed Family Communication Plan in each family member's "Go Bag."



2. Dress For Survival

Dress in Protective Personal Clothing to avoid injury from smoke, sparks, embers and extreme heat. Complete the Actions on page 11 "My Personal Protective Clothing" to identify your best loose fitting clothing from natural fibers such as heavy cotton, denim or wool. Synthetic fabrics can melt or burn.



3. Monitor Information Sources

Monitoring predicted fire weather can provide advanced warning and extra time to prepare before a fire strikes. During the North Bay Fires of 2017, the National Weather Service issued a "ed Flag Warning" 72 hours before the fires began.

Complete the Actions on page 13 to identify "Our Additional Information Sources" and ways to monitor for wildfires and evacuation information.



Action: Got to Go Checklist

At all times during fire season, have a Wildfire and Emergency "Go Bag." Assemble a kit for each family member and pet, and keep the bag(s) in your vehicle or near your front door. Cross off items you don't need.



When a red flag warning is announced, use this check list to get ready to go.

- ☐ Up-to-date Family Communication Plan
- ☐ 3 day supply of non-perishable food & 3 gallons of water per person, including can opener and utensils
- ☐ Matches or lighter in water-proof container
- ☐ Map marked with at least 2 evacuation routes
- ☐ Prescriptions (ask your doctor for a multi day emergency supply, rotate annually)
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ One change of clothing and shoes
- ☐ Sunglasses or goggle to protect eyes from flying embers
- ☐ Blanket or sleeping bag
- ☐ Small supply of energy food.
- ☐ Special items for infants, seniors or those with special needs
- ☐ Spare battery and charger for cell phone
- ☐ Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- ☐ An extra set of car and house keys
- ☐ Credit cards, cash or traveler's checks
- ☐ First aid kit (compact)
- ☐ Emergency tools and work gloves
- ☐ Headlamp
- ☐ Flashlight (handheld)
- ☐ Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- ☐ Spare batteries for flashlights, headlamp, and radio
- ☐ Sanitation supplies (toilet paper, feminine hygiene, baby wipes/diapers)
- ☐ Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, etc.)
- ☐ Entertainment or favorite toy for children
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____

Action: Lighten up your "Go Bag"

Store critical information in the cloud or on a memory stick.

Fill out the checklist as you go.

BE READY IN A FLASH CREATE | SURVIVAL FLASH DRIVE



If there were a fire, flood, or other disaster that destroyed your home, where would your important documents such as birth certificate, passport, deed, licenses, permits, etc be? Protect yourself by scanning all your important documents and storing them on a Survival Flash Drive.

- ☐ Purchase a USB Flash Drive (also called memory sticks or thumb drives due to their small size)
- ☐ Use a permanent marker, sticker, or label to put the word "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) on it
- ☐ Scan your important documents using a scanner, and store the files on the Survival Flash Drive

WHAT TO PUT ON YOUR FLASH DRIVE (COPIES OF..)

All Government Issues IDs, Licenses, Permits, and Certifications for Each Family Member

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License / ID | <input type="checkbox"/> Passport | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran/Discharge Papers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Permits/Licenses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Card | <input type="checkbox"/> Gun Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Irreplaceable documents |

Important Non-Government Documents

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Accounts | <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vaccination Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Cards + Accounts | <input type="checkbox"/> Wills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Plan Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (Home/Auto) | <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advance Directives | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate / Mortgage | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce / Custody Papers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> Restraining Orders |

Other Important Information

- ☐ Current photos of each family member and pet
- ☐ Important Family pictures
- ☐ Family emergency + communications plans
- ☐ Emergency contact list with address + phone number

KEEP IT UP TO DATE

Remember to keep the information on your Survival Flash Drive current by updating it regularly.

PASSWORD PROTECT / ENCRYPT THE INFORMATION

For an added level of security, you can password-protect the files or encrypt the drive using software like TrueCrypt. Keep in mind that emergency workers would have a hard time opening protected files.

STORE IT IN A SAFE LOCATION

Store your Survival Flash Drive in a small sealed plastic bag to prevent damage from the elements. Attach it to your key chain, put it in your purse, put it in a fireproof + waterproof safe, put it in a drawer at work, or put it in the glove box of your vehicle. Keep a copy wherever you think it will be safe and available in an emergency away from your house (in case of fire or flood).



Family Communication Plan

If you did not create a family communication plan in Module 1, fill out the worksheet.

Disaster Plan Worksheet

Post your completed worksheet in an obvious place for quick reference by family members and guests. It may help save a life!



Family Information

Family Name: _____
Address: _____
Cross Street: _____
Home phone: _____
Work phone 1: _____
Work phone 2: _____
Cell phone 1: _____
Cell phone 2: _____
Cell phone 3: _____
Cell phone 4: _____

Our Children

Name _____ Age _____
School _____
Name _____ Age _____
School _____
Name _____ Age _____
School _____

Our Neighbors

Neighbor 1 Name(s): _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____
Neighbor 2 Name(s): _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____
Neighbor 3 Name(s): _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____

Our Doctor

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____

Local Contact

Name: _____
Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Out of Area Contact

Name: _____
Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

School Plan

I have authorized these people to pick up my child/children from school:

The above people, as well as my spouse and children, know the family's secret password. My children have been told not to go anywhere with any person who does not know this password.

Signed _____

Notification Systems

Call | 211
Register | AC Alert <https://goo.gl/xmzO55>

Dress for Survival

BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

Personal Protective Clothing

WHY WEAR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING?

Being in or near a bush fire can cause a number of different injuries and everyone should wear protective clothing to avoid injury from smoke, sparks, embers and extreme heat. Loose fitting clothing made from natural fibres such as pure wool, heavy cotton drill or denim is important to protect you from injury. Synthetic fabrics can melt or burn.



A wide-brimmed hat or hard hat can stop embers from dropping onto your head or down the back of your shirt.

Glasses or goggles will protect your eyes against any smoke, embers and debris that may be in the air.

Gloves.

A mask or cloth (non-synthetic) to cover your nose and mouth will protect you from inhaling smoke, ash and embers.

A long-sleeved shirt made from thick cotton or wool is ideal (e.g. flannelette or cotton drill work shirt).

A pair of heavy cotton pants. For example denim jeans, oil-free drill pants or cotton overalls.

Sturdy leather work boots or shoes along with a pair of woollen or cotton socks.

18 PREPARE, ACT, SURVIVE.

Source: www.rfs.nws.gov.au "Bush Fire Survival Plan." New South Wales, Australia, 2013, page18.

Action: My Personal Protective Clothing

If you have time, dress in protective personal clothing to avoid injury from smoke, sparks, embers and extreme heat. Choose loose fitting clothing from natural fibers (heavy cotton, denim or wool). Synthetic fabrics can melt or burn.



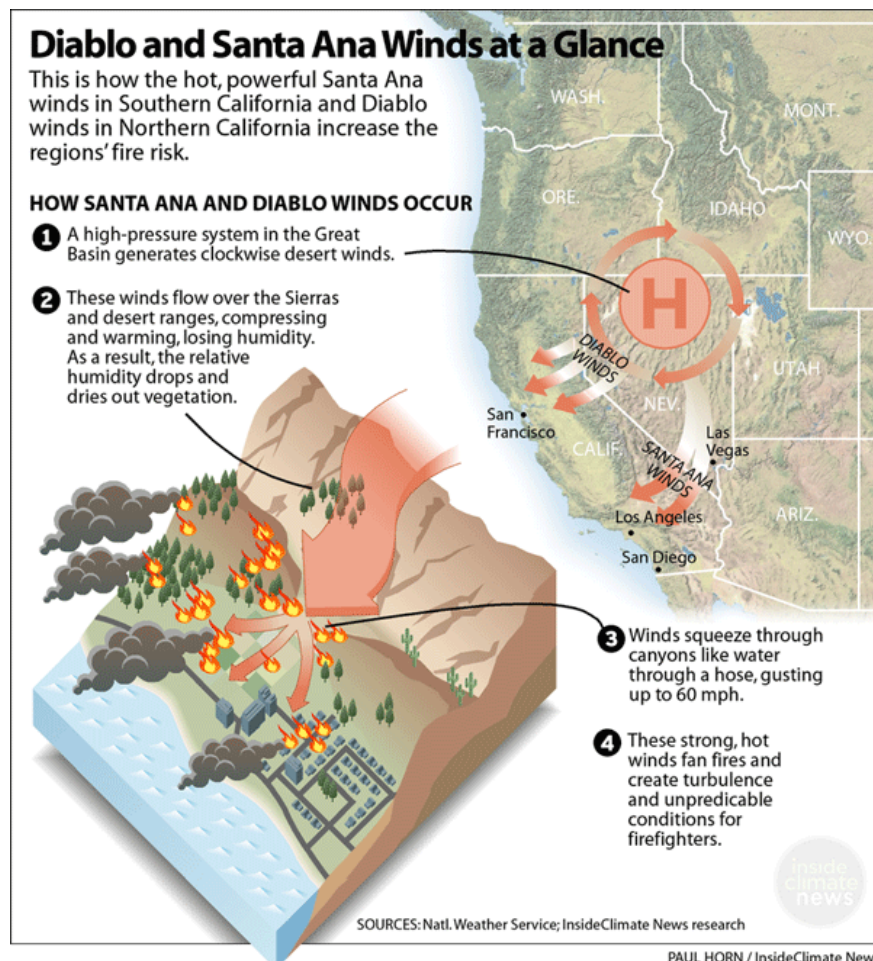
Prepare a checklist of your own clothing

<i>Recommended protective personal clothing</i>	<i>My clothing (and where it is kept)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wide brimmed or hard hat (to stop embers from dropping on your head or down the back of your shirt).	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Location: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Full coverage goggles	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Location: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Leather work gloves	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Location: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Respirator (N95) or non synthetic cloth (to cover nose and mouth to protect you from inhaling smoke ash and embers)	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Location: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeve shirt. (Natural fibers – all cotton or wool. Bright colors best for visibility.)	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Location: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy cotton pants (Denim jeans, oil free pants, cotton overalls)	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Location: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy leather work-boots or shoes. (Sneakers 2 nd choice - soles can melt)	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Location: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Woolen or cotton socks. (Keep with your work-boots)	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Location: _____

Monitor Daily Weather Conditions

Monitoring predicted fire weather can provide advanced warning and extra time to prepare before a fire strikes. During the North Bay Fires of 2017, the National Weather Service issued a "Red Flag Warning" 72 hours before the fires began.

Most major wildfires that destroy homes and cause death and injuries have a common denominator: dry winds blowing from the east or northeast. These conditions are most common in the fall from September to October, but can happen any time of year and will always be associated with potentially catastrophic fires during the dry season.



Additional information sources

See Module 1 to review all the ways to monitor the weather. Check the ones you want to use and the date you last heard an alert or used the method.

- ☐ AC Alert. Received last message on: _____ (date)
- ☐ NOAA Weather Radio. Listened to used on: _____ (date)
- ☐ Nixel text alerts: Received last message on: _____ (date)
- ☐ Neighbors and friends who live outside of the canyon via social media, phone calls or a knock on your door.
Received last information on: _____ (date)



Action: Preparing to Shelter in Place or for Public Safety Power Shutoffs. 5 Ps.



At all times during fire season, be ready to shelter in place or for a public safety power shutoff (PSPS). Assemble enough for all family members. Cross off items you don't need.

When a shelter in place or PSPS warning is announced, use this check list to get ready to shelter for up to 7 days.

- ☐ **P**eople & pets – Personal care for 7 days: nonperishable food, water (1 gal per person per day), supplies, blankets, cooking method without electricity, first aid kit, whistle to signal for help, sanitary items (towlettes, garbage bag, hand sanitizers).
- ☐ **P**apers (important documents for if you have to evacuate)
- ☐ **P**rescriptions and medical equipment
- ☐ **P**ower – battery or hand crank NOAA weather radio, flashlight with extra batteries, surge protectors for appliances and devices, portable generator (+ carbon monoxide detector, smoke detector and fire extinguisher), cell phone with backup powerpack and ability to recharge (such as from crank radio).
- ☐ **P**lastic + cash (a variety of denominations for if ATMs don't work)

Action: Neighborhood Ready. Map Your Neighborhood.

In a wildfire, and other disasters, your most immediate source of help are the neighbors living around you.

The *Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)* program guides you and your immediate neighbors through a neighborhood preparedness program to know your skills and equipment, as well as neighborhood needs, for a variety of potential disasters (wildfire, earthquake, winter storm, flooding etc.)

Watch the 4 minute YouTube video for an introduction to the program:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMOFtk8xeV0&list=PLaYp9JZofBz3RSYyvL57jo_95G8ziwuTV

Map your neighborhood booklets and videos are available online at

<http://www.mil.wa.gov/myn>

4 things you will need to do before a meeting:

1. Identify your neighborhood boundaries (MYN recommends 5-6 homes minimum. 15- 20 homes maximum. Consider dividing into smaller groups.)
2. Personally invite neighbors to attend. Hold the meeting in one of your homes.
3. Review the MYN video to be familiar with contents.
4. Create a master neighborhood map (streets, blocks and house lots, addresses and, names neighbors).

Detailed information is available to guide your group through the meeting. It also highlights how to make the most after your MYN group gets started.

Recap - Set to Go!

What to take when to go.

Key concepts

Immediate Evacuation.

Immediate evacuation means No Time! Got to Go! Have your checklist ready to collect the 6Ps and go.

When Evacuation is a Possibility.

Take the three initial steps to be ready to evacuate:

1. Review your Go Bag and Evacuation Checklist. Update your Family Communication Plan, if needed.
2. Dress for Survival
3. Monitor Information Sources

Sheltering in place and Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)

Prepare for up to 7 days of sheltering in place or PSPS.

Use the checklist to prepare.