

FAMILY WILDFIRE ACTION PLAN

What will you do when a wildfire threatens your home?

Be Prepared! Create a Family Disaster Plan that includes:

- Pre-evacuation meeting location and communication plans
- Plans for pets and livestock
- Prioritized list of items to take with you
- Escape routes – normal and alternate
- Safety zones – locations of areas with minimal vegetation where your family could escape a fire if there's no time to evacuate
- Post-evacuation meeting location
- Assignments of responsibilities
- Assemble an emergency supply kit (American Red Cross suggested kit contents are printed on the reverse)

Prepare your house, before the fire nears your neighborhood

Evacuate any family members and pets not essential for preparing your home, especially anyone with medical or physical limitations

Inside:

- Close all windows and doors (including inside doors), but leave unlocked, in case fire fighters need entry to fight the fire
- Close all shutters and blinds
- Remove all flammable curtains and drapes
- Move flammable furniture to the center of the room
- Leave your lights on, inside and out, to make your home more visible in heavy smoke
- Turn off air conditioning
- Shut off gas at the meter or tank, turn off pilot lights

Outside:

- Move flammable items from around the house to either inside the home or outside your defensible space
- Connect garden hoses (but don't leave the water running, the water pressure may be needed by firefighters)
- Disconnect automatic garage door openers, so doors can be opened if the power goes out
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals
- Place a ladder in a highly visible location
- Place valuables and pets not yet evacuated in the car, ready for quick departure

If You Are Trapped

Inside:

- Wear long sleeves and pants made of natural fibers (such as cotton)
- Stay away from outside walls
- Patrol the inside of your home for spot fires and put them out
- Make sure you can exit the house if it catches fire (remember that it's much hotter outside)
- After the fire has passed, check your roof, attic and property for spot fires and extinguish if possible. Continue checking for several hours

Outside:

- Try to reach a sparse fuel area. Avoid canyons, natural "chimneys," saddles
- If near a road, lie face down along the road or in the ditch on the uphill side. Cover yourself with anything that will shield you from the heat of the fire
- If in the back country, find a depression with sparse fuel. Clear fuel from the area before the fire reaches you, then lie face down in the depression and cover yourself. **STAY DOWN** until the fire has passed.

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Emergency Kit Contents

As suggested by the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org)

At a minimum, have the basic supplies listed below. Keep supplies in an easy-to-carry emergency preparedness kit that you can use at home or take with you in case you must evacuate.

- Water—one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Food—non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area

Consider the needs of all family members and add supplies to your kit. Suggested items to help meet additional needs are:

- Medical supplies (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Games and activities for children
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Two-way radios
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Manual can opener

Additional supplies to keep at home or in your kit based on the types of disasters common to your area:

- Whistle
- N95 or surgical masks
- Matches
- Rain gear
- Towels
- Work gloves
- Tools/supplies for securing your home
- Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
- Plastic sheeting
- Duct tape
- Scissors
- Household liquid bleach
- Entertainment items
- Blankets or sleeping bags

Emergency Phone Numbers:

Boulder County dispatch: 303-441-4444

Nederland Community Center: 303-258-9721

Nederland Town Hall: 303-258-3266

Web Resources:

<http://boulderoem.com/emergency-status>

<http://nederlandco.org/> (and facebook/Twitter links from this page)