

## 9 Steps When **Wildfire** Threatens

### ▶ **Step 1. Take Care of Your Loved Ones**

- Gather everyone together, pets too. Communicate your plan and timeframe.

### ▶ **Step 2. Stay in Communication**

- 1700 AM
- 552-2490
- Contact with Police/Fire
- [www.ashland.or.us](http://www.ashland.or.us)
- Local Radio/TV

**IF YOU ARE ADVISED TO EVACUATE, DO SO IN THE GIVEN TIMEFRAME. FORGET THE NEXT 7 STEPS IF IT'S TIME TO GO. YOUR LIFE IS AT RISK IF YOU EVACUATE LATE!!!!!!!**

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ONLY IF there is time, continue steps 3-9:

- ▶ **Step 3.** Coordinate with neighborhood to make sure anyone with special needs is taken care of.
- ▶ **Step 4.** Gather essential items (see list in Evacuation Plan handout). The plan is also at [www.ashland.or.us/evacuation](http://www.ashland.or.us/evacuation).
- ▶ **Step 5.** Time allowing, prepare the outside of your home for fire exposure
- ▶ **Step 6.** Time allowing, prepare the inside of your home for fire exposure
- ▶ **Step 7.** Time allowing, contact neighbors to find out who may need help preparing their home.
- ▶ **Step 8.** Double check situation with authorities (1700 AM). Know your timeframe and stick to it
- ▶ **Step 9.** Leave via the safest route

## Wildfire Safety is Up to YOU!

- ▶ The principal area that determines whether a home burns (and often those adjacent) is within 100 feet of your home. Who manages this area?
- ▶ Wildfire Safety "Watch Out" situations:
  - Wood Shake Roof
  - Flammable Landscaping plants like juniper, cypress, arborvitae, spruce, pine, and fir packed in the yard
  - Leaf litter on the roof and in gutters
  - Dry grass and leaves within 10 feet of the house
  - Debris laying around the house i.e. lumber, trash, boxes

## Wildfire Clean Up Day

- ▶ Coordinate a neighborhood wildfire clean up day each spring
- ▶ Help your neighbors identify hazards and clean up
- ▶ Your home is only as fire proof as your neighbor's is!
- ▶ Get a courtesy home safety assessment from Ashland Fire and Rescue to prioritize your work