



City of Ashland Wildfire Evacuation Plan

www.ashland.or.us/evacuation

WHY SHOULD I EVACUATE?

During a wildfire emergency safety of lives is of utmost importance. If you, your family, and neighbors are in a safe place we have accomplished the most important goal.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN TO BEGIN EVACUATING?

- You see smoke or flames within 1 mile of your home
- Police or Fire Officials notify you
- Listen to **1700AM** for notifications
- Call 552-2490 for recorded updates
- www.ashland.or.us

****IF YOU ARE ADVISED TO LEAVE AT ANY TIME BY OFFICIALS, PLEASE LEAVE WHEN ADVISED TO. YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT****

WHAT SHOULD I DO BEFORE I LEAVE?

IN GENERAL:

- DON'T PANIC. You will think more rationally if you remain calm
- Gather family members and make a plan, keep track of each other
- Gather pets and secure them in a safe location – ready to go
- Wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, and boots or sturdy shoes for protection.
- Follow posted evacuation routes, unless the location of the fire compromises the safe use of a designated route. If necessary, choose an alternate route
- Park cars facing out, windows up, unlocked. Keep keys with you. In the garage with door closed is OK. Know how to manually open your garage door
- Leave a note in your home telling where and how you can be located

#1: ONLY IF you have time, pack essentials first:

- Pets and food for them
- Prescription medicines
- Pictures and photo albums
- Baby supplies (diapers, food, etc..)
- Personal Hygiene Supplies and glasses/contact lenses
- Cash, Checks, and credit cards
- Personal files and computer hard drive
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Cell phones and contact numbers

#2: Prepare Your Home (after packing essentials) AS TIME ALLOWS!

Outside the Home

- Move flammable and combustible materials away from the home. Including: Wooden furniture, seat pads, garbage, lumber, chemicals, and gas. Move items 30' away from house (chemicals, gas) or inside garage or home and clear out under decks and stairs.
- Seal unscreened attic and foundation vents with pre-cut plywood
- Turn off propane tanks, BBQ included. Move in garage or away from house into an open area. Keep them visible for firefighters.
- Connect garden hoses to outside faucets.
- Wet down shrubbery within 25 feet of your house – start on the downhill side. Turn sprinkler system just before leaving – don't use water too early, firefighters might need the capacity elsewhere.

Inside the Home

- Close windows, vents, doors, Venetian blinds, or non-combustible window coverings. Leave doors unlocked.
- Remove lightweight curtains, close fire resistant blinds.
- Move flammable furniture away from windows and sliding glass doors.
- Leave interior/exterior lights on. If electrical power does not fail, lights will help firefighters locate your home during hours of darkness or in heavy smoke.
- Turn off natural gas at the house meter just before leaving, if you know how! Don't force the valve--best to leave it if it's stuck.

WHERE SHOULD I GO WHEN I EVACUATE?

- Follow directions given by officials or from reliable sources like 1700AM
- Follow posted Wildfire Evacuation Route signs. Stay on these routes unless they are unsafe!
- Know your quickest route well ahead of time, as well as alternate routes. See the [Wildfire Evacuation Map](#) for details.
- Proceed to a safe place, friend's house, or identified shelter.

WHEN CAN I RETURN HOME?

Emergency personnel will let the public know when it is safe to return to the area. Again, tune into 1700AM for continuing updates of the situation. Other sources include the City website www.ashland.or.us or local news channels.

All homeowners in wildfire areas should catalog their belongings either by listing them and their value, taking pictures, or videotaping. Send copies to friends or family who live in a safe area, or in a safe deposit box.