

Get Ready!

Go Kit

Create a Go Kit for each family member. Keep these Go Kits in your evacuation vehicle or close to the front door for easy access when you get orders to evacuate. In your Go Kit, include the following:

- Cell phone with charger, extra battery
- ID
- Pocket radio (test that the radio can tune to 1700AM in Ashland to receive emergency notifications)
- Medications
- Personal records (see page 2 for a comprehensive checklist)
- Water
- 1 day food supply
- Working flashlight
- N95 to help breath through smoke

If you have pets, place carrier(s) near the front door with a day's worth of food and water. If you have larger animals, prepare transport and consider moving them to a safer location early, before evacuation orders are placed.

Before You Leave

Complete this checklist if you have time before leaving your home in an evacuation:

- Shut all doors and windows
- Remove combustible window shades and curtains
- Bring flammable outdoor furniture inside, and move furniture to the center of the room, away from windows
- Leave indoor and outdoor lights on
- Shut off HVAC or window A/C units and ceiling fans

Prepare your family for after the fire

While it is not likely that you will have to seek shelter for a long period of time, having a two-week kit will ensure that you are prepared to survive at home, outside, or in a shelter without power or emergency services. Your two-week kit should include a minimum of the following:

- 2 week supply nonperishable food
- Water (1 gal per person per day)
- First aid kit
- Cell phone with charger, extra battery
- Prescriptions and medical devices
- Sleeping bag/blanket for everyone
- Sanitizer
- Change of clothes
- Matches/lighter
- N95 mask
- Battery powered or hand cranked radio
- Working flashlight
- Camp stove
- Pet food

Personal Records Binder

Create a binder containing your financial, personal, legal and medical documents as well as a thumb drive or hard drive containing photos and videos of each room in your home. Consider backing up all these items onto the Cloud. Copy each of these documents, front and back:

Personal Documents

- Address book
- List of firearms & serial numbers
- Birth certificates
- Concealed handgun license
- Rent/lease agreement
- Diplomas/transcripts
- Documented appraisals of valuable possessions
- Drivers license
- Marriage license
- Military documents
- Passport
- Pet vaccine records
- Recent photo of each family member/pet
- Receipts from expensive items
- Social security card

Legal documents

- Child custody/adoption papers
- Divorce agreements
- Will, living/family trust
- Past/current binding contracts
- Attorney contact information

Financial Documents

- Debit/credit card
- Property deeds/mortgage information
- Car titles & registration
- Bank account numbers and contact information
- Insurance policies (life, health, auto, home)
- Contact information for anyone you send a payment or bill to
- Stocks, bonds, and savings bonds
- Statements from investment firms

Medical Information

- Health insurance cards
- Blood types of each family member
- Contact information for all medical providers
- Medical history of each family member
- Immunization records
- List of current prescriptions and dosage
- Pharmacy contact information

Pet Kit

Create a pet kit as a “go kit” for each of your pets in the event of an evacuation. Include the following in your kit:

- Water
- Two weeks of food
- Prescriptions/vaccination records
- Veterinary contact information
- Treats
- Collar and leash with a backup
- Recent photo with your pet
- Food and water bowls
- ID tags
- Blanket

Irreplaceable Belongings Box

Fill this box with irreplaceable items that cannot be stored on a thumb drive or on the Cloud. The goal is to make these items accessible or store them together in preparation for evacuation

- Personal Records Binder
- Heirlooms (e.g. quilt, letters, souvenirs)
- Sentimental items
- Jewelry
- Keys to safe deposit box, safe, RV, vehicles, storage unit, etc
- Other emergency preparedness kits (checklists on this sheet)