

# READY, SET, GO!

## Create Your Own Wildfire Action Plan

Now that you've done everything you can to protect your house, it's time to prepare your family. Your Wildfire Action Plan must be prepared with all members of your household well in advance of a fire.

Use these checklists to help you prepare your Wildfire Action Plan, and customize it as needed. Each family's plan will be different, depending on their situation.

Once you finish your plan, rehearse it regularly with your family and keep it in a safe and accessible place for quick implementation.

### Ready

#### Prepare Your Family

- Create a Family Disaster Plan that includes meeting locations and communication plans. Rehearse it regularly.
- Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them.
- Ensure your family knows where your gas, electric, and water main shutoff controls are, and how to use them.
- Plan several different evacuation routes.
- Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire hazard area.
- Assemble an emergency supply kit as recommended by the American Red Cross or Be Ready Utah.
- Appoint an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact so you can communicate with family members who have relocated.
- Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers posted in a central location in the home, and in your emergency supply kit.
- Keep an extra emergency supply kit in your car in case you can't get to your residence because of fire.
- Consider a portable radio or scanner so you can stay updated on the fire.

### Set

#### As the Fire Approaches

- Evacuate as soon as you are set!
- Alert family and neighbors
- Dress in appropriate clothing (i.e., clothing made from natural fibers, such as cotton, and work boots). Have goggles and a dry bandana or particle mask ready.
- Ensure you have your emergency supply kit on hand that includes all necessary items, such as a battery-powered radio, spare batteries, emergency contact numbers, and ample drinking water.
- Stay tuned to your TV or local radio stations for updates, or check the fire department website.
- Remain close to your house, drink plenty of water, and keep an eye on your family and pets until you are ready to leave.

## Inside Checklist

- Shut all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked.
- Remove flammable window shades and curtains, and close metal shutters.
- Remove lightweight curtains.
- Move flammable furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.
- Shut off gas at the meter. Turn off pilot lights. Keep in mind Dominion Energy crews are the only authorized people to restore natural gas service once it is shut off.
- Leave your lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.
- Shut off the air conditioning.

## Outside Checklist

- Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside (e.g., patio furniture, children's toys, door mats, etc.)
- Turn off propane tanks
- Don't leave sprinklers on or water running - doing so can waste critical water pressure.
- Leave exterior lights on.
- Back your car into your driveway. Shut doors and windows.
- Have a ladder available.
- Patrol your property and extinguish all small fires until you leave.
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals if time permits.

### ***If You Become Trapped: Survival Tips***

- Shelter away from outside walls.
- Bring garden hoses inside so embers don't destroy them.
- Patrol inside your home for spot fires and extinguish them.
- Wear long sleeves and long pants made of natural fibers such as cotton.
- Stay hydrated.
- Ensure you can exit the home if it catches fire (remember, if it's hot inside the house, it is four to five times hotter outside).
- Fill tubs and sinks for an emergency water supply.
- Place wet towels under doors to keep smoke and embers out.
- After the fire has passed, check your roof and extinguish any fires, sparks, or embers.
- Check inside the attic for hidden embers.
- Patrol your property and extinguish small fires.
- If there are fires that you cannot extinguish with a small amount of water or in a short period of time, call 911.

**Go!** | ***Early!***

By leaving early, you give your family the best chance of surviving a wildfire. You also help firefighters and first responders by keeping the roads clear of congestion, enabling them to move more freely and do their jobs.

## When to Leave

Leave early enough to avoid being caught in fire, smoke, or road congestion. Don't wait to be told by authorities to leave. In an intense wildfire, they may not have time to knock on every door. If you are advised to leave, don't hesitate!

## Where to Go

Leave to a predetermined location (it should be a low-risk area, such as a well-prepared neighbor or relative's house, a Red Cross shelter, or evacuation center, motel, etc.)

## How to Get There

Have several pre-identified routes in case one route is blocked by the fire or by emergency vehicles and equipment. Choose the shortest possible escape route away from the fire. The City will also advise of recommended routes.

## What to Take

Take your emergency supply kit containing family and pet necessary items.

## Emergency Supplies

FEMA and the American Red Cross recommend every family have an emergency supply kit assembled long before a wildfire or other emergency occurs. The checklist contains some considerations for contents. For more information on emergency supplies, visit the American Red Cross website at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or the Be Ready Park City website at [www.BeReadyParkCity.org](http://www.BeReadyParkCity.org)

	Three- to seven-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day, add more for pets & cooking).
	Non-perishable food for all family members and pets (three- to seven-day supply).
	First aid kit.
	Flashlight, battery-powered/solar-powered/hand-cranked radio, and extra batteries.
	Weather-appropriate clothing for all members of the family.
	An extra set of car keys, credit cards, cash or traveler's checks.
	Sanitation supplies.
	Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses.
	Important family documents and contact numbers.
	Map marked with evacuation routes.
	Prescriptions or special medications.
	Family photos and other irreplaceable items.
	Easily carried valuables.
	Personal computers (information on hard drives and disks).
	Chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.
	Note: Keep an old pair of shoes and a flashlight handy near your emergency supply kit, in case of a sudden evacuation at night.

Write up your Wildfire Action Plan and post it in a location where every member of your family can see it. Rehearse it with your family.

# My Personal Wildfire Action Plan

During High Fire Danger (Red Flag) days in your area, monitor your local media for information on brush fires and be ready to implement your plan. Hot, dry, and windy conditions create the perfect environment for a wildfire.

## Important Phone Numbers:

Out-of-State Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Evacuation Routes:

Where to go: \_\_\_\_\_

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Location of Emergency Supply Kit: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: