

# WHAT TO DO WHEN A FIRE OCCURS



Wildfires **WILL** occur in urban, rural and mountain areas. Every year families lose their homes and possessions to the ravages of wildfire. These losses can be minimized if homeowners take the time to become aware of safety measures to help protect their families, homes and property.



**DON'T WAIT UNTIL THERE IS A FIRE!**

**Make an EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN NOW!**

*Also, use the **EMERGENCY PLAN CHECKLIST** for your home.*

## WHEN A WILDFIRE DOES THREATEN . . .



- ▶ Report the fire to emergency dispatch 911, your local fire department, or your local police department. *Put these important phone numbers on your checklist.*
- ▶ Back your car into the garage, or park it in an open space facing the direction of escape. Shut doors and roll up windows. Leave keys in the ignition. Close garage doors and windows, but leave them unlocked. Disconnect automatic garage door openers, so in the event of a power failure they can be opened manually.
- ▶ Confine your pets to *one* room in your house. *Make plans to care for your pets in case you must evacuate.*
- ▶ Close windows and doors to the house and close all inside doors. Take down drapes and curtains or move them away from windows.
- ▶ If time permits, move any remaining flammable materials 30 feet away from the house outside.
- ▶ Turn off gas or propane/butane supply at the meter or tank. Turn off pilot lights inside the house.
- ▶ Open fireplace damper(s). Close fireplace screens
- ▶ Turn on a light in each room of the house.
- ▶ Place a ladder against the front of the house so firefighters have easy access to your roof. Connect a garden hose to outside faucets.
- ▶ If you have a combustible roof, wet it down or turn on roof sprinklers.
- ▶ Tune into a local radio station and listen for instructions.



**DON'T PANIC!**



***Prepare to evacuate in the event you must.***

***USE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN CHECKLIST.***

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**SAFETY FIRST! THINGS CAN BE REPLACED . . . YOU CAN'T!**

