

Living With Fire

During a wildfire it will likely be dark, smoky, windy, dry and hot. There may be burning embers blowing about, no power, no phone service and poor water pressure.

Remember, there is nothing you own worth your life!

Please evacuate immediately when asked by fire or law enforcement officials.

Follow one of your pre-planned evacuation routes to your family's designated meeting place. Drive slowly, turn on your vehicle headlights and stay to the right side of the road.

If you have to evacuate and there is time...

Wear and carry... Long pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket made of cotton or wool, a hat and boots or sturdy shoes ~ Gloves, a handkerchief and goggles to cover your face, and water to drink ~ Flashlight and portable radio tuned to a local radio station

Family members should... Evacuate early, especially if not essential to preparing the house for wildfire ~ Relay your plans to a designated out-of-town contact person ~ Follow practiced evacuation routes to the designated safe meeting place

For your animals... Evacuate them if possible ~ Contact the Nevada Humane Society for assistance ~ Bring current pet photos and make sure distinguishing markings are visible, health records, vaccination information, medications and dosage instructions ~ Secure pets in their own carrier or cage

For your vehicle... If you can lift your garage door manually, disconnect the electric garage door opener and place the vehicle in the garage pointing out and leave the garage door unlocked and closed. If you cannot lift your garage door manually, park the vehicle in the driveway facing out ~ Leave keys in the ignition ~ Roll up the windows

Place in your vehicle... Clothing for 3-5 days ~ Prescription glasses ~ Personal toiletries ~ Important documents (bank, IRS, trust, investment, insurance policies, birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates, medical and immunization records, wills, contracts, titles and deeds) ~ Credit and ATM cards and extra cash ~ Medications ~ Driver's license, passport and social security cards ~ Laptop and charger and backup of desktop computer files ~ Address book ~ Cell phone and charger ~ Family photo albums and videos ~ Family heirlooms ~ Photographs and video of the interior and exterior of the house and landscape

Inside your home and out buildings... Close all interior doors, windows, skylights and exterior doors (house, garage, shop and barn) ~ Leave a light on in each room ~ Remove lightweight, non-fire resistant curtains and other combustible materials from around windows ~ Close fire-resistant drapes, shutters and blinds ~ Turn off all pilot lights, once gas and propane are turned off outside ~ Move couches and easy chairs to the center of the room ~ Close fireplace damper ~ Turn off air conditioning ~ Place an EVACUATED sign in the front window

Outside your home and out buildings... Place combustible patio furniture and accessories inside or toss them away from the house ~ Remove barbecue propane tanks and place away from the house where they can safely vent ~ Shut off propane at the tank or natural gas at the meter ~ Close or cover foundation, attic and eave vents with precut plywood covers or several layers of aluminum foil ~ Cover windows with plywood panels at least 1/2 inch thick ~ Prop a noncombustible ladder against the house ~ Connect garden hoses to faucets and attach nozzles set on spray ~ Remove excelsior pads from swamp coolers and toss them away from the house ~ Leave doors and gates unlocked ~ Turn on exterior lights ~ Fill trash cans and buckets with water and place where firefighters can find them ~ If you have an emergency water source, post WATER SOURCE HERE sign in a location clearly visible from the street

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