



Wildfire Evacuation

LEVEL 1
BE READY

LEVEL 2
BE SET

LEVEL 3
GO !

During a wildfire, you may receive an evacuation notice by phone, text, or email. If you don't have cell service in your area, keep your AM/FM radio or television on when wildfire risk is high. Make sure you understand what each evacuation level means.

IF YOU FEEL UNSAFE → LEAVE

Some of us might need extra time to evacuate. For example:

Anyone who needs...

- Hearing or vision assistance
- Medication or medical devices
- Translation or interpretation services
- Public transportation
- Help from a caretaker

Anyone who is responsible for...

- Infants or small children
- A person with physical challenges
- Someone with physical, behavioral, or cognitive health issues
- Pets or livestock

LEVEL 1 → BE READY

1. **Assess your risk.** If you have a reason to leave early, do it! You do not need to wait for an evacuation notice.
2. **Prepare.** Have an emergency plan¹ and know where to go. Monitor possible evacuation routes. Use Google Maps,² Oregon Trip Check,³ and Washington Trip Check.⁴ Plan to stay with family or friends if possible. Contact 211Info⁵ if you need emergency shelter. Identify two ways to get to your destination. Text or email friends and family to let them know your plans. Gather the most essential supplies for comfort and safety. Fuel and load your car. See the list below and visit PublicAlerts.org for a full emergency supply list.⁶

¹ PublicAlerts.org/Plans

² Maps.Google.com

³ TripCheck.com/Pages/Road-Conditions

⁴ WSDOT.com/Traffic

⁵ Call 211 or visit 211info.org

⁶ PublicAlerts.org/Supplies



3. **Stay informed.** Monitor PublicAlerts.org, local city and county websites, and social media. Keep your TV or radio on. If you have children, try to limit their exposure to the news.
4. **Keep everyone (including animals) nearby.** If you have livestock, bring identification, testing, and vaccination paperwork with you, especially if you might cross state lines.
5. **Talk to neighbors.** Ask for help if you need it. Offer help if you can provide it. Check with anyone who may need extra help. Don't assume everyone is okay.

LEVEL 2 → BE SET

1. **Stay alert.** Conditions can change very quickly and become extremely dangerous.
2. **Consider leaving now.** There is significant danger in your area. Voluntary evacuation is recommended. This is especially important if you cannot leave quickly and need extra time.
3. **This may be the only notice you receive.** Emergency responders cannot guarantee that they will be able to reach you again if the conditions get worse. Be alert, stay informed, and keep monitoring websites, social media, radio, and TV. If you decide to stay, be ready to leave at a moment's notice. Go immediately if you don't feel safe.

LEVEL 3 → GO !!

1. **Leave right now! Danger is very close.** Follow instructions from local authorities. Follow your personal emergency plan to connect with loved ones. Do not delay. Do not stop to gather your belongings or try to save your home.
2. **This may be your last warning.** Emergency responders may not be able to assist you if you stay and are in immediate danger.
3. **Do not return until public officials tell you it is safe.** Visit PublicAlerts.org for info about returning home safely and accessing recovery assistance.



What to pack if you have time

- Critical:** Prescription medications, medical devices, glasses, food, and plenty of water (you may be in your car for a while)
- Safety:** Sanitation, first aid, flashlight with extra batteries, N95 face masks that protect against fine smoke particles
- Communication:** Phones, tablets, laptops, charging cords, maps, AM/FM radio, printed emergency plan with important phone numbers
- Documentation:** Photo identification, insurance cards, birth certificates, passports, visas, deeds, etc.
- Personal:** Clothing, hygiene, credit and debit cards, cash, family photos, and other irreplaceable personal belongings
- Animals:** Extra water, food, leashes, cages, medication, identification, bedding
- Visit PublicAlerts.org** - the Get Ready tab includes great info about being prepared for an emergency, including a full list of emergency supplies

Inside your home if you have time

1. **Shut all windows and doors.** Leave them unlocked. This can help firefighters and first responders get inside easily to protect your home. Also close fireplace dampers and pet doors.
2. **Remove combustible window coverings,** such as shades, curtains, shutters, or blinds. Move combustible furniture to the center of a room, away from windows and doors.
3. **Leave interior lights on.** Make your home visible to firefighters in smoke or darkness.
4. **Turn off the air conditioning** to reduce airflow through the house.
5. **If you have time, take a video** of the inside and outside of your home for insurance purposes. Focus on expensive items and serial numbers.



Outside your home **if you have time**

1. **Keep your vehicle ready.** Load your emergency supplies and make sure the gas tank is full. Carry your keys with you at all times. Back your loaded vehicle into your parking space with doors and windows shut. Set the ventilation system to recycle air to keep smoke out.
2. **Gather flammable and combustible items.** Bring these items inside. This includes patio furniture, BBQ grills, children's toys, etc.
3. **Turn off propane tanks.** Move propane appliances and gasoline cans away from structures if it is safe to do so.
4. **Do not stop to shut off your natural gas.** Utility companies can shut down systems when a fire threatens an area. If your natural gas is shut off during a fire, do not turn it back on by yourself. Call your natural gas provider to restore your service. PublicAlerts.org has more advice for returning safely when the time comes.
5. **Leave exterior lights on.** Make your home visible to firefighters in smoke or darkness.
6. **Help firefighters.** Place a ladder at the corner of the house. Leave gates propped open. Connect garden hoses to outside water valves. Fill water buckets and place them around the house.
7. **Seal your attic and ground vents.** Use plywood, duct tape, aluminum foil, or commercial seals.
8. **Monitor your property and the fire situation.** If you feel threatened, leave right away. Do not wait for an evacuation order.
9. **Leave your contact information on your dining table.**
10. **Remain as calm as possible.** Take slow, deep breaths. This will help you think clearly and make good decisions. If you have children or pets, they will benefit from your calm behavior during this stressful time.