



Fire Preparedness Checklist

Preparing in advance for the threat of wildfires helps protect your family and property in the event of an emergency. Here's how you can prepare for a fire.

- 01.** Create a fire emergency kit and family evacuation plan.
Download templates from the Red Cross at www.redcross.org.
- 02.** Install and **regularly test** smoke alarms on each level of your home.
- 03.** Purchase a fire extinguisher and **learn how to use it**.
- 04.** **Inspect and clean** chimneys and gutters.
- 05.** **Install** protective shutters or fire-resistant drapes and a **high efficiency** HVAC system filter.
- 06.** **Remove** flammable items stored in basements and crawl spaces and **insulate** these areas.
- 07.** **Review** your homeowner's insurance policy and **create** an inventory of items.
- 08.** **List** essential papers and valuables to evacuate.
- 09.** **Identify** more than one exit from your home.
- 10.** **Create** a 30 to 100-foot safety zone around your home with **fire-resistant** vegetation.
Also remove leaves, woodpiles, wooden lawn furniture, and grills.
- 11.** **Install** 1/8-inch mesh screen beneath porches and decks.
- 12.** **Ask** the power company to clear branches from power lines.