			a stance						
5. If a wildfire ap	pproacnes,	take tneso	e steps:						
Locate your Evacuation Checklis Kit and place these items in your		Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures; turn off propane tanks.							
Park your vehicle facing outward vehicle keys with you.	; carry your	Cover up. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirt, heavy shoes/boots, a cap and have a dry							
Locate your pets and keep them nearby.  Prepare farm animals for transport.		bandanna for a face cover or use goggles or glasses. Clothing which is wool or 100% cotton is best.							
Place connected garden hoses and buckets full of		Leave lights on and outside house. Unlock doors.							
water around the outside of the house.  Drink water.		Leave windows closed, but not locked; turn air conditioning off.							
		Place ladder	outside for roof access.						
6. If you become trapped by a quickly-approaching wildfire:									
While in a Vehicle:	While on Foot:		While in Your Home:						
Stay calm.	Stay calm.  Get to an are	a clear of	Stay calm; keep your family together.						
Park your vehicle in an area clear of vegetation. Do not park on inside curves.		f possible, a ditch	Call 911 and alert authorities of your location.						
Close all vehicle windows and vents.	Lie face down	n; cover up.	Fill sinks and tubs with cold water.						
Cover yourself with a wool or cotton blanket or jacket.	from your ce	•	Keep doors and windows closed, but unlocked.						
Lie on the vehicle's floor.			Stay inside your home.						
Alert officials by calling 911 from your cell phone.			Stay away from outside walls and windows.						
7. Our household	l safety nla	an (complete h	pefore a wildfire emergency):						
		•	J						
Our address: Phone									
In the event of a wildfire evacuation, we will meet at									
Animals: North Valley Animals Disaster Group Hotline: 530/895-0000									
During a wildfire, we'll take our animals to									
Local contact (neighbor/relative): In the event that roads are closed, our local contact to care for children and pets is (name) Phone									
		_	none						
We know these neighbors who may need help (elderly or disabled)									



# Town of Paradise & Upper Ridge Wildland Fire & Evacuation Plan





- **Get ready early.**
- Preparing for embers.
- Evacuation advisories to be prepared for.
- An evacuation checklist.
- If a wildfire approaches...
- What if you become trapped?
- Your safety plan.





# Are you prepared?











Keep a copy of this plan in your car and home.

F	ty Access	Vege	tation Around My Home—I	)efens <mark>i</mark>	ble Space
h p a n	ouse. My address is osted with reflective nd contrasting 3-inch umbers at the road ccess.		Dry grass, needles, leaves and brush are 10 feet away from structure(s).  My property has a 30-foot zone of reduced fuel continuity.		Fuel is reduced at least 10 feet from structure(s) or the property line.  Tree limbs are at least 10 feet from chimney/ stovepipe.
m a o fe fo	fire engine can drive to ny house. The driveway and access roads are free obstructions; at least 12 eet wide and with a 14- pot overhead clearance. fire engine can turn round on my property/		Firewood is stacked away from structure(s).  Trees around structure(s) have been cleared of ladder fuels and limbed up 10 feet.		Dry grass and brush is cleared 10 feet around ar under the propane tank(

types such as composition, metal and tile.

#### **Roof Openings**

Plug openings in roof coverings, such as the open ends of barrel tiles, with non-combustible materials.

Routinely remove plant debris, such as pine needles, leaves, branches and bark, from the roof.

Replace plastic skylights with types constructed of double-pane glass. One of the panes should be tempered glass. Close skylights if wildfire is threatening.

#### **Spark Arrester**

Install an approved spark arrester on chimneys.

#### Windows

Replace single-pane, non-tempered glass windows with multiple-pane, tempered-glass types. Close all windows if wildfire is threatening.



This house was ignited by burning embers landing on vulnerable spots. Notice the adjacent forest is not burning.

mesh or install new vent types designed to prevent ember entry. If wildfire is threatening, consider covering vent openings with pre-cut plywood or aluminum foil folded several layers thick and stapled

#### **Rain Gutters**

Keep rain gutters free of plant debris during fire season. Consider using rain gutter covers to reduce maintenance.

Fill gaps in siding and trim materials with a good quality caulk and replace poor condition building materials.

#### Woodpiles

Move firewood stacks and scrap lumber piles at least 30 feet from the house or other buildings

Place combustible patio furniture, such as lounges, tables and hammocks, inside the house or garage if wildfire is threatening

#### **Deck Boards**

Replace deck boards that are less than one inch thick or that are in poor condition with thicker, good condition boards. Use metal flashing between the deck and the house.

#### **Deck Debris**

Remove plant debris from the gaps between deck boards, the gap between the deck and house, and lying on top of

# Porch and

**Deck Accessories** If wildfire is threatening, remove combustible materials from the porch and deck including newspapers. wicker baskets, door mats, pine cones and dried flower arrangements, and place BBQ propane tanks indoors.

materials from under decks. Consider enclosing the open sides of the deck with siding materials that are properly vented or 1/8-inch wire mesh to reduce maintenance and deter ember entry. Do not use wooden lattice to enclose decks.

#### Flowerboxes

Remove wooden flowerboxes from beneath windows if wildfire is threatening.

Cover open eaves with sheathing, such as plywood or fiber-cement board. Use tongue and groove joints or other intricate joint types and don't use butt joints.

# Flowerbeds

Replace wood mulches with noncombustible types and remove plant debris, including dried grass and flowers. dead leaves and dead branches from flowerbeds next to the house, other buildings and next to wooden fences. Replace ornamental junipers with low-growing deciduous shrubs or flowers under irrigation.

Close vehicle windows. Back into the garage and close the garage door or park away from the house.

#### **Garage Door**

Adjust garage doors to achieve as tight a fit as possible with the door frame. Consider using trim around the garage door opening to reduce the size of gap openings. Close the garage door if wildfire is threatening.

#### **Garbage Cans and Recycling Bins**

Use garbage cans covered with tight fitting lids near the house or other buildings. Move newspaper recycling bins indoors.

#### **Wooden Fences**

Maintain wooden fences in good condition and create a noncombustible fence section or gate next to the house

# 3. Evacuation advisories to be prepared for:

Immediate Evacuation Order: Requires the immediate movement of people out of an affected area due to an imminent threat to life. Choosing to stay could result in loss of life. Staying may also impede the work of emergency personnel. Due to the changing nature of the emergency, this Immediate Evacuation Order may be the only warning that people in the affected area (s) receive.

Evacuation Warning: Alerts people in an affected area(s) of potential threat to life and property. People who need additional time should consider evacuating at this time. An Evacuation Warning considers the probability that an area will be affected and prepares people for a potential Immediate Evacuation Order.

Shelter in Place: Advises people to stay secure at their current location by remaining in place as evacuation will cause a higher potential for loss of life.

Rescue: Emergency actions taken within the affected area to recover and help injured or trapped citizens leave the area. Entry into this area is restricted to rescue workers only.

# Lifting of Evacuation Advisories

Evacuation advisories may stay in effect for several days. After the threat is mitigated, access will be limited to residents with identification.

# Traffic Closures

Level 1: Open to emergency responders, critical responders (e.g. public works, PG&E, animal rescue) and residents only. Level 2: Closed to all traffic except emergency responders and critical resources. Level 3: Closed to all traffic except emergency responders. Level 4: Closed to all traffic due to potential hazard to life.

# **Public Assembly Point**

These are temporary holding areas providing safe haven for people until shelter locations are established.

# 4. Evacuation checklist. What will you take?

EVACUATION ORDER 5 minutes to evacuate	EVACUATION ORDER 15–30 minutes to evacuate	EVACUATION WARNING 2+ hours to evacuate	PRE-FIRE SEASON ANNUAL PREPARATION November to May
Purse, credit cards, check- book, cash. Keys: vehicle, RV, boat, safe deposit.	Remove flammable materials from deck/porch. Includes mats, plastic furniture, flags, shade items.	Clean up little things which are flammable on deck (leaves, twigs).	List items to be removed during evacuation, including precautionary and immediate threat instances.
Pets, pet crates, pet leashes, pet food.	Items from safe. Passports & insurance paperwork.	Irreplaceable arts & crafts, including family quilts and heirlooms.	Make copies of important papers for storage in firesafe box/safe deposit box.
Medication and prescriptions.	Computer files on CDs.	Computers.	Create financial binder.
Glasses, contact lenses, hearing aids.	Digital camera with extra batteries and charger.	Recipes, recipe book, family recipes.	Take photos of each room for insurance purposes.
Cell phones, laptop computer, PDAs, chargers.	Important papers: financial binder, birth certificate, social security card, vehicle registration, insurance policies.	Hook up boat or trailer. Move extra vehicles to firesafe areas (church parking lot). Back parked car into garage.	Store CDs and electronic media at a non-home location. Develop/maintain emergency kit with 3-day supplies.
Multiple days of clothing, including sturdy walking shoes or boots.	Photo albums. Family videos and loose photos.	High priority hobby items (sewing machine, quilting tools, paints, drawing supplies, musical instruments).	Develop a virtual meeting place where all family members can make contact in an emergency.
Planning calendar, phone/ address/Christmas lists, bills, payment coupons.	High-value items such as jew- elry, priceless antiques.	High priority memorabilia, tools.	Create defensible space. Become familiar with local evacuation plan.
Follow directions of emergency personnel.	Pack your emergency kit.	Listen to emergency radio: AM 1500 and AM 1460.	Check building for places where embers or heat will threaten your home.

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