

SECTION 6

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FIRE INCIDENT NEWS

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Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal Incident Overhead Team

Checklist for Evacuation

In preparation for emergency evacuation:

1. List all emergency phone numbers
2. Establish a “meeting place” as part of your plan prior to an emergency
3. Establish an out-of-area phone contact for family members
4. Store emergency supplies, (flashlight, battery-powered radio, first aid supplies, food and water), in one pre-arranged central location

If time allows, gather irreplaceable belongings:

1. Address book, birth certificates, stocks and bonds
2. Change of clothes, extra clothes, toiletries
3. Reassuring items for children
4. Photo albums and original art

If time allows, perform the following:

1. Unplug appliances, shut off gas at main valve, shut off electricity
2. Close all doors, windows, blinds, and fire-resistant curtains. Remove flimsy, light window coverings. Block outside openings under house and deck
3. Leave a note letting firefighters know the home has been evacuated and how you may be contacted, (i.e. friend or relative’s phone number)
4. Gather a first aid kit, radio, food, water, and blankets or sleeping bags
5. Leave items such as hoses, ladders, and household tools in plain view where firefighters can locate and use them
6. Listen to radio or watch TV for additional emergency instruction

If there is little or no time, gather the following:

1. Prescription eyeglasses or contacts, dentures, and hearing aids
2. Important medications
3. Identification
4. Cash, checkbook, credit cards
5. Pets



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Fire Safety Checklist

- Trees and brush should be properly thinned and pruned within a 30-foot fire safety zone around your house
- Make sure that your roof and gutters are swept clear of debris
- Have chimney cleaned regularly. Remove any overhanging branches
- Grass and weeds should be cut within 30 feet of all buildings
- Ensure that firewood is stacked uphill or on a contour away from buildings
- Have an outdoor water supply, including hoses and nozzles
- See that home fire extinguishers are inspected and fully charged
- Make sure the driveway has 10-foot wide and 15-foot high clearance for fire vehicle access, and that your address is clearly marked
- If access to your home involves bridges or culvert crossings, ensure they are strong enough to withstand the weight of fire vehicles
- Have tools like shovels, rakes, buckets, ladders, and axes readily available
- Prepare a family fire drill and evacuation plan and practice regularly
- Enclose or wall up the sides of stilt foundations; screen openings in crawl and attic spaces where appropriate
- Remove trash and debris accumulation in the fire safety zone