



# Evacuation Checklist

## Preparing for a Wildfire Evacuation

(if time is available)

NOTE: These are general guidelines and may not be suitable or applicable to your specific home. Please consult with a building professional in advance to determine which of these suggestions may work best for your home.

### Inside the House:

- Shut all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked.
- Remove flammable window shades curtains and close metal shutters.
- Remove lightweight curtains.
- Move flammable furniture to the centre of the room, away from windows and doors.
- Shut off propane; turn off pilot lights.
- Leave your light on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.
- Shut off the air conditioning.

### Outside the House:

- Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside (patio furniture, children's toys, door mats, trash cans, etc) or place them in your pool.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
- Connect garden hoses to outside water valves or spigots for use by firefighters.
- Fill water buckets and place them around the house.
- Don't leave sprinklers on or water running, they can affect critical water pressure.
- Leave exterior lights on so your home is visible to firefighters in the smoke or darkness of night.
- Put your Emergency Supply Kit (Grab n'Go Bag) in your vehicle.
- Back your car into the driveway with vehicle loaded and all doors and windows closed.
- Carry your car keys with you.
- Have a ladder available and place it at the corner of the house for firefighters to quickly access your roof.
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.
- Patrol your property and monitor the fire situation.
- Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel threatened.**
- Check on neighbours and make sure they are preparing to leave.

### Animals:

- Locate your pets and keep them nearby.
- Prepare farm animals for transport and think about moving them to a safe location early.
- Could you make arrangements with other NEPPs/friends/family to store pets / livestock at their home?
- Could you made arrangements with other NEPPs/friends/family to share resources to assist with evacuating large animals, e.g. trailers?