



## Wildfire Preparedness Plan

WILDFIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST	
Learn about wild fire risks in your area.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Talk with members of your household about wild fires—how to prevent them and what to do if one occurs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post emergency phone numbers by every phone in your home.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make sure driveway entrances and your house number or address are clearly marked.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify and maintain an adequate water source outside your home, such as a small pond, cistern, well or swimming pool.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Set aside household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, ax, hand saw or chain saw, bucket and shovel. You may need to fight small fires before emergency responders arrive.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Select building materials and plants that resist fire.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regularly clean roofs and gutters.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Make sure to...</b>	
Clear debris from roof and gutters.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear driveway to at least 20 feet wide with 15 feet vertical clearance (for emergency vehicles).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear vegetation from within 3 feet of hydrants.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear weeds and cut grass within 30 feet of structures, propane tanks, utility boxes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop outdoor water supply with hoses to reach entire house, nozzle, and pump.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Document an annotated list of all belongings.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have fire tools, ladder, and fire extinguishers available.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install chimney screen or spark arrestor.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install enclosed sides on stilt foundations and decks.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install only non-combustible roof material.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install screens on foundation and eave vents.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install shutters, fire curtains, or heavy drapes on windows	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install smoke detectors and test quarterly.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make a video of all belongings, talking about each.	<input type="checkbox"/>

# **FAMILY SURVIVAL PLANS**

Post load limits on access bridges.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post name/address signs clearly visible from street or road.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practice family fire drill and evacuation plans.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practice STOP, DROP, and ROLL (should clothes catch on fire).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prepare a list of valuables to take with you (store together, if possible).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remove branches that overhang within 15 feet of roof and chimney.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remove trash and debris accumulations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remove trees growing through porch, deck, or roof.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stack firewood uphill or on a contour at least 30 feet away from house.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Take still pictures of all belongings as a backup.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thin and prune your trees and brush.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PLAN AHEAD AND STAY AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE DURING A WILD FIRE.</b>	
Plan and practice two ways out of your neighbourhood in case your primary route is blocked.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Select a place for family members to meet outside your neighbourhood in case you cannot get home or need to evacuate.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify someone who is out of the area to contact if local phone lines are not working.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be ready to leave at a moment's notice.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Listen to local radio and television stations for updated emergency information.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Always back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing the direction of escape.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confine pets to one room so that you can find them if you need to evacuate quickly.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arrange for temporary housing at a friend or relative's home outside the threatened area.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>LIMIT EXPOSURE TO SMOKE AND DUST</b>	
Listen and watch for air quality reports and health warnings about smoke.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep indoor air clean by closing windows and doors to prevent outside smoke from getting in.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use the recycle or re-circulate mode on the air conditioner in your home or car. If you do not have air conditioning and it is too hot to stay inside with closed windows, seek shelter elsewhere.	<input type="checkbox"/>
When smoke levels are high, do not use anything that burns and adds to indoor air pollution, such as candles, fireplaces and gas stoves. Do not vacuum because it stirs up particles that are already inside your home.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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If you have asthma or another lung disease, follow your health care provider's advice and seek medical care if your symptoms worsen.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not enter your home until fire officials say it is safe.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use caution when entering burned areas as hazards may still exist, including hot spots, which can flare up without warning.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Avoid damaged or fallen power lines, poles and downed wires.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Watch for ash pits and mark them for safety—warn family and neighbours to keep clear of the pits also.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control. Hidden embers and hot spots could burn your pets' paws or hooves.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Follow public health guidance on safe clean-up of fire ash and safe use of masks.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wet debris down to minimize breathing dust particles.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wear leather gloves and heavy soled shoes to protect hands and feet.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cleaning products, paint, batteries and damaged fuel containers need to be disposed of properly to avoid risk.	<input type="checkbox"/>

ENSURE YOUR FOOD AND WATER ARE SAFE	
Discard any food that has been exposed to heat, smoke or soot.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do NOT ever use water that you think may be contaminated to wash dishes, brush teeth, prepare food, wash hands, make ice or make baby formula.	<input type="checkbox"/>

BEFORE THE FIRE APPROACHES YOUR HOUSE	
Evacuate your pets and all family members who are not essential to preparing the home. Anyone with medical or physical limitations and the young and the elderly should be evacuated immediately.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wear Protective Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear items that will burn from around the house, including wood piles, lawn furniture, barbecue grills, tarp coverings, etc. Move the mouth side of your defensible space.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Close outside attic, eaves and basement vents, windows, doors, pet doors, etc. Remove flammable drapes and curtains. Close all shutters, blinds or heavy non-combustible window coverings to reduce radiant heat.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Close all doors inside the house to prevent draft. Open the damper on your fire place, but close the fireplace screen.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shut off any natural gas, propane or fuel oil supplies at the source.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connect garden hoses. Fill any pools, hot tubs, garbage cans, tubs or other large containers with Water.	<input type="checkbox"/>

# FAMILY SURVIVAL PLANS

If you have gas-powered pumps for water, make sure they are fuelled and ready.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Place a ladder against the house in clear view.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Back your car into the driveway and roll up the windows. Leave car doors unlocked (DONOT LOCK THEDOORS) and key in the ignition. Ensure you have enough fuel in vehicle gas tank to evacuate (1/2 tank or more). If fire is in area and you have time fill tank	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disconnect any automatic garage door openers so that doors can still be opened by hand if the power goes out. Close all garage doors.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Place valuable papers ,mementos and anything "you can't live without" inside the car in the garage, ready for quick departure. Any pets still with you should also be put in the car.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Release any livestock from barns to pastures in the area.	<input type="checkbox"/>