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Modify this to suit your needs. Review and practice once each spring and each time you see smoke. Leave a copy taped up near your back door or garage entry.

Evacuation Plan

***BACK YOUR CAR INTO THE DRIVEWAY OR PARK IT IN AN OPEN SPACE FACING THE DIRECTION OF ESCAPE. SHUT DOORS AND ROLL UP WINDOWS. LEAVE THE KEY IN THE IGNITION.**

***CLOSE GARAGE WINDOWS AND DOORS, BUT LEAVE THEM UNLOCKED AND DISCONNECT AUTOMATIC GARAGE DOOR OPENERS.**

***WHILE YOU ARE PREPARING TO EVACUATE, CONFINE PETS TO ONE ROOM AND MAKE PLANS TO CARE FOR YOUR PETS IN CASE YOU MUST EVACUATE TO A MOTEL. ARRANGE TEMPORARY HOUSING AT A FRIEND OR RELATIVE'S HOME OUTSIDE THE THREATENED AREA.**

***IF ADVISED TO EVACUATE, DO SO IMMEDIATELY.**

***WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING, STURDY SHOES, COTTON OR WOOL CLOTHING, LONG PANTS AND A LONG-SLEEVED SHIRT AND BE SURE TO BRING GLOVES AND A HANDKERCHIEF TO PROTECT YOUR FACE.**

***TAKE A DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT INCLUDING PRESCRIPTION GLASSES AND MEDICATIONS, CELL PHONE AND CHARGER.**

***LEAVE A NOTE lodged in the front door, OR TELL SOMEONE WHEN YOU LEFT AND WHERE YOU ARE GOING & land line phone number if known.**

***CHOOSE A ROUTE AWAY FROM FIRE HAZARDS AND FOLLOW ANY INSTRUCTIONS OF LOCAL OFFICIALS. IF YOU ARE SURE YOU HAVE SOME TIME BEFORE HAVING TO EVACUATE YOUR HOME, LISTED BELOW ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME:**

Evacuation Plan Continued

*PLACE VALUABLE PAPERS, MOMENTOS, PHOTOS HARD DRIVE OR DATA BACK UP, & ANYTHING "YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT" IN THE CAR, THEN;

*CLOSE WINDOWS, VENTS, DOORS, BLINDS OR NONCOMBUSTIBLE WINDOW COVERINGS AND HEAVY DRAPES. REMOVE LIGHTWEIGHT CURTAINS.

*SHUT OFF GAS AT THE METER OR PROPANE TANK. LEAVE A GARDEN HOSE CONNECTED, (BUT TURNED OFF) NEAR EACH WOODEN DECK.

*OPEN FIREPLACE DAMPER AND CLOSE FIREPLACE SCREENS.

*MOVE FLAMMABLE FURNITURE INTO THE CENTER OF THE HOME AWAY FROM WINDOWS AND SLIDING-GLASS DOORS.

*TURN ON A LIGHT IN EACH ROOM TO INCREASE THE VISIBILITY OF YOUR HOME IN HEAVY SMOKE.

*SEAL ATTIC AND GROUND VENTS WITH PRECUT PLYWOOD OR COMMERCIAL SEALS.

*PLACE COMBUSTIBLE PATIO FURNITURE INSIDE.

*WET OR REMOVE SHRUBS WITHIN 15 FEET OF THE HOME.

*IT IS ALSO A GOOD IDEA TO PHOTOGRAPH OR VIDEOTAPE THE CONTENTS OF YOUR HOME-ROOM BY ROOM, NARRATING ALL ITEMS, PLACE A COPY OF THIS VIDEO IN YOUR SAFE DEPOSIT BOX.

*CONTINUE EXTENDING YOUR DEFENSIBLE SPACE TO 50 FEET OR UNTIL ORDERED TO EVACUATE OR THE THREAT HAS PASSED.

If the threat passes without being evacuated, play it out as if you had in a family discussion; i.e. We were heading to Grampa's house via this route to leave fido with so and so if they're home. If that route is/was closed we would ... If junior could get home or reach us he was to head over to Betty's or hang with the Jones family. END OF EVAC PLAN