

Prepare Your Property

- ❑ Create defensible space around all structures.
- ❑ Create a safe zone clear of all vegetation for equipment.
- ❑ Clear vegetation around fuel tanks and other highly combustible equipment.

Prepare Your Family

- ❑ Create a Family Disaster Plan that includes meeting locations and communications plans and rehearse it regularly.
- ❑ Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them.
- ❑ Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric and water main shut-off controls are and how to use them.
- ❑ Plan several different evacuation routes.
- ❑ Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire hazard area.
- ❑ Assemble an emergency supply kit as recommended by the American Red Cross.
- ❑ Appoint an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact so you can communicate with family members who have relocated.
- ❑ Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers posted near your phone and in your emergency supply kit.

Situational Awareness when a Fire Starts

- ❑ Be ready to go when notified.
- ❑ Alert family and neighbors.
- ❑ Dress in appropriate clothing (i.e., clothing made from natural fibers, such as cotton, and work boots). Have goggles and a dry bandana or particle mask handy.
- ❑ Ensure that you have your emergency supply kit on hand that includes all necessary items, such as a battery powered radio, spare batteries, emergency contact numbers, and ample drinking water.
- ❑ Stay tuned to your TV or local radio stations for updates, or check Mason County Web sites (KMAS).
- ❑ Remain close to your house, drink plenty of water and keep an eye on your family and pets until you are ready to leave.

INSIDE CHECKLIST

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

OUTSIDE CHECKLIST

- ❑ Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside (e.g., patio furniture, children's toys, door mats, etc.) or move away from home.
- ❑ Turn off propane tanks.
- ❑ Don't leave sprinklers on or water running - they can waste critical water pressure.
- ❑ Leave exterior lights on.
- ❑ Back your car into the driveway. Shut doors and roll up windows.
- ❑ Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals if time permits.

Your Property

- ❑ Close all doors and windows and turn on exterior/interior lights in barns and other structures.
- ❑ Shut off gas supply and propane tanks.
- ❑ Fill sinks and tubs for an emergency water supply.
- ❑ Place wet towels under doors to keep smoke and embers out.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

The American Red Cross recommends every family have an emergency supply kit assembled long before a wildland fire or other emergency occurs. Use the checklist below to help assemble yours. For more information on emergency supplies, visit the American Red Cross Web site at www.redcross.org.

- ❑ Three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day).
- ❑ Non-perishable food for all family members and pets (three-day supply).
- ❑ First aid kit.
- ❑ Flashlight, battery-powered radio, and extra batteries.
- ❑ An extra set of car keys, credit cards, cash or traveler's checks.
- ❑ Sanitation supplies.
- ❑ Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses.
- ❑ Important family documents and contact numbers.
- ❑ Map marked with evacuation routes.
- ❑ Prescriptions or special medications.
- ❑ Family photos and other irreplaceable items.
- ❑ Easily carried valuables.
- ❑ Personal computers (information on hard drives and disks).
- ❑ Chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.

Note: Keep a pair of old shoes and a flashlight handy in case of a sudden evacuation at night.