



# Are You Prepared For A Wildfire?

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The wildfire problem in Orange County exceeds what can be managed by the OCFA alone. The Fire Safe Council, OCFA, U.S. Forest Service, Orange County Sheriff, Red Cross, and school districts have developed emergency plans to combat threats posed by wildfire.

## The Fire Safe Council

This community-based group is involved in fire prevention and preparedness programs such as:

- Canyon Clean-Sweep (typically each spring)
- Federal Grants Program
- List of residents who may need emergency assistance
- Livestock evacuation programs
- Emergency communications systems
- Fire safety bulletins
- Fire safety patrols during high fire danger (red flag) warnings
- Integration with fire incident commanders
- For details, visit [www.firesafecouncil.org](http://www.firesafecouncil.org).



## Before the Fire

### Make a Kit

- Keep some old shoes and flashlights handy for a night evacuation.
- Keep the six "P's" ready, in case an immediate evacuation is required:
  - People and pets
  - Papers, phone numbers and important documents
  - Prescriptions, pills and eyeglasses
  - Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia
  - Personal computer (information on hard drives and disks)
  - "Plastic" (credit cards and cash)

### Make a Plan

- Keep your car's fuel tank full and park facing out.
- Have a family emergency plan and re-unification plan.

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# When Wildfire Approaches

- Stay informed through television, radio and local agencies.
- Evacuate if directed by authorities, or if fire is headed toward your home.
- Close heavy draperies; but remove lightweight curtains.
- Leave lights on in the house to mark your home for emergency responders.
- Turn off propane gas supply at the tank.
- Evacuate using pre-identified road “escape routes.”
- Watch for downed power lines – treat all wires as energized and lethal.
- If you can see the fire close-by, it may be too late to travel: seek shelter in your house or in a wide, clear, safe area.

## What if my kids are in school?

- Firefighters will prioritize protecting and evacuating school sites.
- Know your school’s evacuation plans and where they will take your student.
- Develop an emergency plan for baby sitters and other care providers.

## What should I do with my animals?

- Take small animals with you if you can.
- Take large stock animals to alternate stables
- Do not release large stock animals to run wild.

## What If I Choose to Ignore Evacuation Orders?

- Be prepared for intense heat and black, blinding, choking smoke.
- Keep hoses, portable pumps, rakes and shovels available.
- Fill tubs, pools and ponds with water.
- Attach hoses to outside taps or pump.
- Place a metal ladder outside for roof access.
- Wear long sleeve shirts, long pants, heavy boots, gloves, goggles and a bandana.
- Inside your house is the safest place to seek temporary refuge as the fire front passes.
- If the house or propane tank becomes involved in fire, seek secondary shelter.
- Once the fire front passes, be ready to put out fires on your roof or in your attic.

## For More Information

[www.firesafecouncil.org](http://www.firesafecouncil.org)

[www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org)

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

[www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland)

[www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov)

[www.edis.ca.gov](http://www.edis.ca.gov)

[www.usfa.dhs.gov](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov)

[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

[www.saddlebackcanyonriders.com](http://www.saddlebackcanyonriders.com)

[/evacuationinfo.html](http://evacuationinfo.html)

[www.weather.gov/sandiego](http://www.weather.gov/sandiego)

[www.ocsd.org](http://www.ocsd.org)

[www.chp.ca.gov](http://www.chp.ca.gov)