

CALAMITY JANE EXPRESS (R)

Emergency Checklist

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Standard Messages

Wildland Fire

Prevent Wildland Fires

- Build fires for debris burning, campfires, etc. away from nearby trees or bushes.
- Have handy a way to extinguish the fire quickly and completely
- Stay with a fire.

Protect Yourself

- Determine your risk.
- Make your home easy to find and easy to access.
- Identify and maintain outside water sources.

If you are at risk for wildland fire, you should:

- Talk with members of your household about wildland fires—how to help prevent them and what to do if one occurs.
- Make sure that fire vehicles can get to your home by clearly marking all driveway entrances and displaying your address number.
- Post fire emergency telephone numbers by every phone in your home.
- Plan and practice two ways out of your neighborhood.
- Identify and maintain an adequate water source outside your home
- Keep handy household items that can be used as fire tools:
- Develop a wildland fire-specific evacuation plan

A Wildland Fire Threatens

- **Get ready to leave at a moment's notice. The earlier a person leaves, the safer they will be.**
- **If you have time, take steps to protect**

If there are reports of wildland fires, you should:

- Listen regularly to local radio or television stations for updated emergency information.
- Back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing the direction of escape.
- Confine pets to one room.
- Arrange temporary housing at a friend's or relative's home outside the threatened area.

If you are sure you have time, take steps to reduce the chance of your home catching fire:

- Shut off gas at the meter only if advised to do so by local officials
- If you have a propane tank system.
- Open fireplace dampers. Close fireplace screens.
- Close windows, vents, doors, blinds, or noncombustible window coverings, and heavy drapes. Remove lightweight drapes and curtains.
- Move combustible furniture into the center of the home
- Close all doors and windows.
- Place valuables that will not be damaged by water in a pool or pond.
- Place sprinklers up to 50 feet (15 meters) away from the structures
- Seal attic and ground vents
- Connect the garden hose to outside taps.
- Gather fire tools.

Protect Your Property

- Design or modify your structures and landscaping to make them as wildland fire resistant as possible.
- Maintain your structures and outside areas to decrease the risk of wildland fire.

If you live in an area at risk for wildland fire, you should:

- Design and landscape your home and outbuildings with wildland fire safety in mind.
- Select building materials and plants that can help resist fire
- Have electrical lines installed underground
- Create safety zones
- If your home sits on a steep slope
- Regularly clean roofs and gutters.
- Equip chimneys and stovepipes with a spark arrester
- Have a fire extinguisher ("A-B-C" rated) and get training from the fire department in how to use it.
- Consider installing protective shutters or multi-paned windows.
- Keep a ladder handy that will reach the roof.
- Plant low-flammability shrubs and trees in your safety zone
- Clear all combustible vegetation and remove wooden lawn furniture
- Remove dead branches from all trees.
- Keep trees adjacent to buildings free of dead or dying wood and moss.
- Remove tree branches and shrubs within 10 feet (3 meters) of a stovepipe or chimney outlet.
- If you have horses or livestock
- Keep all tree and shrub limbs trimmed so they do not come in contact with electrical wires.
- Ask the power company to clear branches from power lines.
- Remove vines from the walls of your home.
- Mow and water grass regularly.
- Place above-ground propane tanks at least 30 feet (9 meters) from the home or other structures.
- Clear a 10-foot (3-meter) area around propane tanks and the barbecue.
- Regularly dispose of newspapers and rubbish at an approved site.
- Place stove, fireplace, and grill ashes in a metal bucket.
- Stack firewood at least 30 feet (9 meters) away and uphill from your home.
- Use only wood-burning devices that are listed by UL
- Box eaves to prevent sparks from entering the structure under the roof line.
- Place metal screens over openings to prevent collection of litter.
- Avoid open burning completely
- Report hazardous conditions

You Are Allowed to Return After a Wildland Fire

- **Get permission from fire officials before entering a burned wildland area.**
- **Look out for hazards, such as fallen wires and poles and ash pits.**
- **Look out as burned trees can fall because of weakened roots.**
- **Be alert to the possibility of re-ignition.**
- **Take precautions while cleaning up**

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