

EMERGENCY WILDFIRE HOME PROTECTION

- ❖ Move combustible yard furniture away from the house or store in the garage.
- ❖ Shut off liquefied petroleum gas or natural gas valves.
- ❖ Attach garden hoses to spigots that can reach all areas of your home.
- ❖ Fill all sinks, bath tubs, trash cans and buckets with water.
- ❖ If you have an emergency generator or a portable gasoline-powered pump that will supply water from a swimming pool, pond, well or tank, clearly mark its location and be ready to operate it.
- ❖ Place a ladder against the house on the opposite side of the approaching fire for access to the roof.
- ❖ Turn on the lights in all rooms of your house, on the porch and in the yard. Your home will be more visible through the smoke or darkness.
- ❖ Cover windows, attic openings, eaves and vents with fire resistive material such as 1/2 inch or thicker plywood. Close window shutters and blinds if they are fire resistive.
- ❖ Close all windows and doors around your home to prevent sparks from blowing inside.
- ❖ Remove combustible curtains and drapes. If you have fire resistant window coverings or metal blinds, close to block heat radiation.
- ❖ Move furniture away from windows and sliding glass doors to keep from igniting from the radiant heat of the fire.
- ❖ Close all doors within the house to slow fire spread inside the house.

EVACUATION PREPLANNING

Emergency preparedness must be a priority for everyone that lives or works in a wildland interface area. A major part of your preparedness is to develop a logical well thought out and executed evacuation plan, which should include the following:

- ❖ Predetermined routes of travel based on direction fire is moving.
- ❖ Identification of at least two (2) exit routes from your neighborhood.
- ❖ Knowledge of predetermined residential assembly points within your local area (see listing).
- ❖ Knowledge of local emergency contacts.
- ❖ Plan, review, and practice with family and neighbors.

EVACUATION PREPARATION ACTION STEPS

- ❖ Tune to AM 1500 for important Evacuation, Traffic & Other Emergency Information.
- ❖ Back your car in the garage heading out (windows closed and keys in the ignition).
- ❖ Close the garage door and leave it unlocked. Disconnect the automatic garage door opener in the case of power failure.
- ❖ Place important documents, photo albums, and other valuables inside your car in case you have to evacuate. Take pets with you if you have to evacuate.
- ❖ Keep a flashlight and portable radio with you at all times and stay tuned to your local news station.
- ❖ Wear proper clothing; long sleeved cotton shirt and pants. Also boots, gloves and a wet bandana are a good idea.

DURING EVACUATION

- ❖ If you become trapped by fire while evacuating in your car, park in an area clear of vegetation, close all vehicle windows and vents, cover yourself with a blanket or jacket and lie on the floor.
- ❖ If you are trapped by fire while evacuating on foot, select an area clear of vegetation or lie in a ditch. Avoid canyons that can steer and intensify the fire.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO EVACUATE WHEN A FIRE APPROACHES

- ❖ Stay inside your house away from outside walls.
- ❖ Keep all doors closed and unlocked.
- ❖ Keep your entire family together. Remember it is four to five times hotter and more dangerous outside than inside your house.



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AFTER THE FIRE PASSES

- ❖ Check the roof immediately, extinguish all sparks and embers. If you must climb on the roof, use caution.
- ❖ Check inside the attic for hidden burning embers.
- ❖ Check your yard for burning woodpiles, trees, fence posts or other materials.

FOR ADDITIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

Office of Emergency Services
310.285.1025

Fire Prevention Bureau
310.281.2703

PUBLIC SHELTER & PUBLIC SAFE REFUGE AREAS

In the event of a major wildfire in the Santa Monica Mountains or canyon areas of Beverly Hills, no location is completely safe and total evacuation may be impossible as the narrow roads may not be able to handle traffic exiting and emergency equipment entering. However, the Fire Department and Police Department have determined that evacuation sites should enable people to survive a fast moving wildfire. People going to one of the following sites should remain aware that no location within the Santa Monica Mountains during a wind-driven wildland fire is without some risk. Residential assembly points are listed below:

Roxbury Park
471 S. Roxbury Drive



La Cienega Park
8400 Gregory Way

Please note: Locations may be changed depending on fire behavior and weather conditions.



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Fire Department Headquarters
445 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



OPERATION EVACUATION



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*Do you know how to save
your life in case of wildfire?*

We have to stay. You Don't!

**OPERATION
PLAN**

The City of Beverly Hills, particularly the area north of Sunset Blvd., is very susceptible to a Wildland Fire. The greatest threat arises from the Franklin Canyon area, which is part of the Santa Monica Mountains, just north of the city limits. When a disaster strikes it is usually without warning. Mobilization of all forces required to counteract and respond to the disaster must happen quickly for maximum protection of life and property.

Decisions must be made:

The Beverly Hills Fire Department must decide where to deploy resources, based on where the fire is going, and immediately initiate appropriate evacuation procedures.



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The Beverly Hills Police Department must alert residents and assist them to find a safe exit. They also set up the traffic controls needed to allow Fire Department vehicles in; and residents safely out.

The decision on when to leave is critical. Time spent on home preparation ahead of a wildland fire is important to reduce property loss. Every fire is different. In the path of wind-driven fires, residential evacuations may be ordered. If and when an evacuation is ordered, the Fire Department's desire is for occupants to vacate the area immediately. Your life safety is the Fire Department's primary goal. Quick compliance to an evacuation order is critical.

**EVACUATION
PLAN**

This brochure is intended to help each and every resident of the City of Beverly Hills, especially those that live in the Santa Monica Mountains in the canyon regions of Beverly Hills, learn how you can help yourself and those trained to help you, save your life and property. It's your responsibility, as well as that of participating emergency services, to be familiar with the evacuation procedures contained within this pamphlet. Keep it handy and read it thoroughly.



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Parking in restricted areas can obstruct responding fire apparatus and citizen evacuation.