

EVACUATION PLAN

Before the Wildfire Gets to Your House Be **PREPARED** Be **AWARE**

Designed by the OUT OKAY Subcommittee of the Evacuation Group of the Coalition of Firewise Communities

LOAD THE CAR WITH VALUABLES medications, documents,

mementos, pets Ready for quick departure Roll up windows.

BACK THE CAR into the driveway facing out - keys in ignition Disconnect automatic garage door opener for emergency personnel access.

CLOSE WINDOWS

remove flammable curtains, close non-combustible window coverings to reduce radiant heat.

CLOSE DOORS close all attic, eaves, basement vent doors of house.

SHUT OFF

at the source: gas, propane, fuel oil (Affix wrench to gas meter for guick shut off during emergency. After fire threat passes call gas company to re-establish service if assistance needed).

FIREPLACE Close damper and close screen.

MOVE FLAMMABLES

at least 30' away from house: wood piles, lawn furniture, BBQ grill, etc. & furniture, doormats, brooms to the center of the room away from windows and sliding glass doors.

LIGHTS

turn all lights **ON** inside and outside of house to make it visible in heavy smoke.

LADDERS/RAKES/SHOVELS/CHAINSAWS put in front of house for firefighting with ladders against the house.

WATER

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Evacuation Plan Sign Garage Positioning

This sign is your lifeline for when you are told to prepare to leave your residence for a safe evacuation due to a wildfire or other emergency.

It provides the **key elements** you should try to perform in importance of order before a wildfire gets to your home.

It's placement in your residence is VERY, VERY important.

It must be <u>both easy to find and easy to read</u>. After much research it was highly recommended this sign be attached to the inside garage wall next to the interior door going <u>inside</u> your home from your garage.

Place it at eye height for easy reading. See the example below.

We recommend you also place your alert tags and/or flashers next to the sign for easy access and so they do not get lost during what could be the most stressful event of your life.

