



WILDFIRE EVACUATION CHECKLIST

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EVACUATION NOTIFICATIONS & INFORMATION

Boulder County Emergency Alerts

Used when emergency action is needed at a specific address: wildfires, imminent flooding, evacuations, or other public safety incidents where lives may be at risk; critical information about evacuation routes, hazards, and shelters. Online registration is required: sign up at www.BoCoAlert.org

Urgent Notification Emails

BMFPD Urgent Notification System: sign up at www.bmfpd.org/emaillist. Scroll down on webpage to find your neighborhood email group.

BMFPD Special Needs List

For those who qualify for the special needs list, extra assistance may be available in an emergency. Sign up at <https://www.bmfpd.org/special-needs-list>

Boulder Office of Disaster Management Resources

Website: www.boulderodm.gov

X (formerly Twitter): www.twitter.com/boulderoem

Wildfire Incident Map: <https://aware.zonehaven.com/zones/US-CO-BOU-BC-43G>

Information map: <https://boco.org/OEMInfoMap>

ALWAYS:

Communications

- Keep your cell phone fully charged.
- Notify an out-of-area contact of your phone number, location, and status. Update regularly.
- Leave a note with your contact info taped to fridge or inside a front window.
- Check on or call neighbors to alert them to prepare at first sign of fire.

On Your Person

- Dress all family members in long sleeves and long pants; heavy cotton or wool is best, even in hot temperatures.
- Wear full coverage goggles, leather gloves, head protection.
- Cover faces with a dry cotton or wool bandanna or scarf over an N95 respirator. Tie long hair back.
- Carry a headlamp and flashlight (even during the day).
- Carry car keys, wallet, ID, cell phone, and spare battery.
- Drink plenty of water, stay hydrated.
- Put "Go Kits" in your vehicle.

Pets & Animals

- Locate your pets and place in carriers NOW. You won't be able to catch them when the fires approach.
- Be sure your pets wear tags and are registered with microchips.
- Place carriers (with your pets in them) near the front door, with fresh water and extra food.

IF TIME ALLOWS:

Inside The House

- Close (not lock) all windows and doors (interior ones too).
- Remove flammable window shades and light weight curtains, close metal shutters.
- Leave indoor and outdoor lights on.
- Shut off HVAC and ceiling fans.

Outside & In Neighborhood

- Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside (e.g., patio furniture, children's toys, doormats, etc.).
- Turn off gas and propane tanks.
- Connect garden hoses to outside taps. Don't leave sprinklers on or water running – they can reduce critical water pressure.
- Leave exterior lights on.
- Back your car into the garage. Shut doors and roll up windows. Keep the garage door closed until you are ready to leave.
- Disconnect electric garage door(s) from the motor. Leave garage door unlocked and closed upon leaving.
- Keep driveway clear for fire engine access.
- Have a ladder available to allow roof access for firefighters.
- Make water sources such as pools, hot tubs, and cisterns available for firefighters.

WHEN YOU LEAVE:

- Leave immediately if ordered.
- Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel unsafe or conditions change; leave early if unsure. Roads can be jammed.
- A pre-evacuation "Evacuation Warning" (prepare to evacuate) message, or a mandatory "Evacuation Order" (evacuate immediately). These messages will describe the nature of the emergency (e.g., wildfire), and very importantly, the evacuation route so you do not inadvertently head toward the danger.
- Assist elderly or disabled neighbors.
- Take only essential vehicles with adequate fuel.
- In your car, turn on headlights, close windows, turn on air conditioning, tune to local radio.
- Drive slowly and defensively; be observant.
- If roads are impassable or you are trapped: take shelter in a building, car, or an open area; park in an outside turn if trapped on a hillside; stay far from vegetation; look for wide roads, parking lots, etc.
- If trapped, you are better protected inside a building or vehicle.
- Don't abandon your car in the road if passage is impossible. If you must leave your car, park it off the road and consider other options for shelter.
- Evacuate on foot only as a last resort.
- Remain calm - panic is deadly.

Family Name

Family Emergency Communication Plan

Household Information

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Name _____

Mobile _____

Email _____

Other # Or Social Media _____

Name _____

Mobile _____

Email _____

Other # Or Social Media _____

Name _____

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Email _____

Other # Or Social Media _____

School, Childcare, Caregiver, Workplace

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Web _____

Emergency Plan/Pickup _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Local Contacts

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Out-Of-Area Contacts

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Emergency Meeting Locations

Location 1 _____

Instructions _____

Location 2 _____

Instructions _____

Important Numbers & Information

FIRE & MEDICAL EMERGENCIES 911

POLICE, SHERIFF EMERGENCIES 911

SHERIFF – NON EMERGENCY 303-441-4444

FIRE INFO: www.boulderodm.gov

Local AM Radio _____

Physician _____

Pediatrician _____

Veterinarian _____

Insurance Information

Homeowner / Renter Policy _____

Auto Policy _____

Medical Policy #1 _____

Medical Policy #2 _____

GET A GO BAG FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER NOW!

Put together an emergency Go Bag in advance and keep it easily accessible.

Plan to be away for an extended period of time. Use a backpack for each person's Go Bag (you may have to walk with it).

GO BAG LIST (Per Person)

- Backpack with:
 - Bandanna
 - N95 mask
 - Goggles
 - Leather gloves
 - Long shirt and pants (cotton or wool)
 - Sturdy boots
 - Hat
- Flashlight and headlamp with spare batteries.
- Extra car keys, credit cards, cash.
- Map with evacuation routes.
- Prescription medications.
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses.
- Weather radio, extra batteries.
- Copies of important docs (birth certificates, passports, insurance policies, household inventory).
- Pet food and water, leashes, pet supplies and medications.
- Water bottles and non-perishable food.
- Sanitation supplies.
- Blanket/sleeping bag per person, changes of clothing.
- Spare chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.

Items to take only if time allows:

- Easily carried valuables.
- Family photos.
- Small heirlooms.
- Misc. irreplaceable items.
- Personal computer data and digital information backups on hard drives.