



# Levels of Evacuation

## Level 1 BE READY

**Pack your valuables.** Include important documents such as passports, birth certificates, insurance information, medications, medical equipment and animal vaccination records.

## Level 2 BE SET

**Monitor the news.** Follow Lane County, Lane County Sheriff's Office, and your local fire department's social media pages, as well as local television and radio news broadcasts.

## Level 3 GO NOW

**Evacuate** — information will be provided regarding where you can go to get information, resources and support.

People who need help or more time to evacuate should evacuate at Level 1 or Level 2. This includes assisted living centers, people with disabilities, people needing help with small children, people with medical conditions and people with large animals.





# Level 3: GO NOW!

## What to Do When Evacuating

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- DO NOT stop to gather items or make efforts to protect your home.
- Follow the directions of law enforcement and emergency personnel.
- Level 3 - GO NOW is the last notice you will receive.
- If you choose to ignore the evacuation notice, emergency personnel may not be able to assist you later.
- Take your pets with you.

### What to Do If You Become Trapped During a Wildfire Evacuation

Cover-up to protect against heat and flying embers. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirt, heavy shoes/boots, cap, dry bandanna for face cover, goggles or glasses. 100% cotton is preferable.

#### **In your vehicle:**

- Stay calm.
- Park your vehicle in an area clear of vegetation.
- Close all vehicle windows and vents.
- Cover yourself with wool blanket or jacket.
- Lie on vehicle floor.
- Use your cell phone to advise officials—call 911.

#### **On foot:**

- Stay calm.
- Go to an area clear of vegetation, a ditch or depression on level ground if possible.
- Lie face down, cover up your body.
- Use your cell phone to advise officials—call 911.

#### **In your home:**

- Stay calm; keep your family together.
- Call 911 and inform authorities of your location.
- Fill sinks and tubs with cold water.
- Keep doors and windows closed, but unlocked.
- Stay inside your house.
- Stay away from outside walls and windows.

Once you leave, do not return to your home until officials determine it is safe. Notification that it is safe to return home will be given as soon as possible considering safety and accessibility.

# Prepare for the future: Create a Wildfire Action Plan

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Your Wildfire Action Plan must be prepared and familiar to all members of your household well in advance of a wildfire. Use the checklist below to help create your plan. Each family's plan will be different, depending on a variety of issues, needs, and situations.

## Your Wildfire Action Plan Checklist

### **Create an evacuation plan that includes:**

- A designated emergency meeting location outside the fire or hazard area. This is critical to determine who has safely evacuated.
- Several escape routes from your home and community. Practice these often so everyone in your family is familiar in case of emergency.
- Have an evacuation plan for pets and livestock.
- A Family Communication Plan that designates an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact to act as a single source of communication among family members in case of separation. (It is easier to call or message one person and let them contact others than to try and call everyone when phone, cell, and internet systems can be overloaded or limited during a disaster.)

### **Be prepared:**

- Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them (check expiration dates regularly).
- Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric, and water main shut-off controls are located and how to safely shut them down in an emergency
- Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit.
- Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers in a common living area and in your emergency supply kit.
- Keep an extra Emergency Supply Kit in your car in case you cannot get to your home because of fire or other emergency.
- Have a portable radio or scanner so you can stay updated on the situation.
- Tell your neighbors about Be Set, Be Ready, and GO NOW! and your Wildfire Action Plan.

# Remember the Six “Ps”

Keep these six “Ps” ready in case immediate evacuation is required:



**People and pets**



**Papers,**  
phone numbers and  
important documents



**Prescriptions,**  
vitamins and eyeglasses



**Pictures**  
and irreplaceable memorabilia



**Personal computer**  
hard drive and backups



**Plastic,**  
(credit/debit cards) and cash

## When is it safe to go back?

You will be notified when the evacuation is lifted via one or more of the following:

- Facebook ([facebook.com/LaneCountyGovernment](https://facebook.com/LaneCountyGovernment))
- Twitter ([twitter.com/LaneCountyGov](https://twitter.com/LaneCountyGov))
- FlashAlert ([flashalert.net/id/LCG](https://flashalert.net/id/LCG))
- AlertMe! ([www.lanecounty.org/emergencyalerts](https://www.lanecounty.org/emergencyalerts))

Please do not re-enter evacuated areas until the evacuation is lifted. Emergency responders may not be able to assist you, and unauthorized re-entry can delay emergency responders and response resources.

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