

Emergency Wildfire Preparedness Checklist



✓ Evacuation Tips

Monitor conditions and follow the advice of local officials. If ordered to evacuate, do so IMMEDIATELY.

☐	Review your home emergency plan with the people you live with. Visit PreparedBC.ca/EmergencyPlan for helpful tips and a fill-in-the-blank template.
☐	Have your grab-and-go bag ready and stocked with food, water, battery-powered/hand-crank radio and flashlight, power bank, first aid kit and prescriptions, cash in small bills, toiletries, change of clothes and an emergency blanket. Also include a copy of your emergency plan and copies of important documents, such as insurance and emergency contact information. Don't forget a bag for your pets! Visit PreparedBC.ca/EmergencyKit for more information and a complete list of supplies.
☐	Pre-register for Emergency Support Services through the BC Services Card app. Connect with friends and family who may be able to provide a place to stay if an evacuation order is issued. This will help ensure local accommodation is available for those who have no other option. Visit ESS.gov.bc.ca for more information.

✓ Quickly address outside surroundings

Complete a scan around the home and property and take steps to remove combustibles.

☐	Remove leaves, pine needles and other debris from your roof and gutters.
☐	Mow grass within 10 metres of the house to 10 centimetres in length, or less.
☐	Clear all dead plants, leaves, and weeds within 10 metres of your home. Maintain a 1.5 metre non-combustible zone around your home and deck.
☐	Clear combustible items – such as doormats, toys, patio furniture, firewood, and potted plants – from within 10 metres of your home, including on or under decks. Store them inside your home or garage instead.
☐	Place propane tanks on a non-combustible surface at least 10 metres from fuel sources (hedges, outbuildings, firewood piles, neighbouring homes). For large stationary tanks that can't be relocated, clear all combustible material from the surrounding area.
☐	If you have a combustible fence that attaches to your home: • Secure gate in an open position. • Clear vegetation and debris along both sides of combustible fence lines.

✓ Check around the house

Check vents on roof, foundation and exterior walls to prevent embers from entering the home.

☐	Ensure all vents on the home are in good condition (i.e., are operating correctly, not damaged or poorly attached). Cover dryer vents and wall-mounted make-up air openings for furnaces with a plywood cover, or non-combustible tape. Be sure to remove tape when you return home.
☐	If you store cardboard boxes and other easily ignited materials near a vent in your attic or crawl space, move them as far away as possible from vent(s). • Another option is to place tape over vent(s) at these locations.
☐	Before evacuating: Turn off air conditioning. Close all doors, garage doors, windows, and skylights. Do not turn off gas unless directed to do so, or if you suspect a gas leak.



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