WILDFIRE SEASON- THINGS TO DO TO BE PREPARED

If you are told to evacuate, you should plan on being self-sufficient for 72 hours. It is recommended that your 72-hour kit be prepared well ahead of an emergency and located in a readily accessible place.

- Complete the annual tasks associated with defensible space (link).
- Put together a 72-hour emergency kit (link to contents).
- Maintain an inventory list documenting valuable items that you own. You'll need this should you make an insurance claim. The list, along with photographs, receipts and other documentation should be stored in a safe place, away from your property. You should also have copies of important documents (e.g., marriage license, mortgage, property/auto ownership documents, wills, driver's licenses, insurance policies) stored away from your property.
- Make a list of things that you would want to take with you should an evacuation be necessary.
- Make a list of emergency phone numbers, including numbers for your insurance agent, bank, etc.
- Know where your gas, electric and water main shut-off controls are and how to use them.
- Create a family emergency plan, including a meeting place should an evacuation become necessary. Establish a contact point to communicate with concerned relatives.
- Talk to your neighbors about wildfire safety and how the neighborhood could work together before and during a wildfire. This could include help with pets, children and/or disabled family members if the homeowner isn't at home when an evacuation is ordered.
- Review your homeowners insurance policy to be sure you are adequately covered.