

YOU'VE BEEN TOLD TO EVACUATE- THINGS TO DO TO PREPARE YOUR HOUSE

IF YOU HAVE TIME when advised to evacuate:

- Shut off natural gas and propane.
- Place metal (not wooden) ladders against the side of your house to help firefighters defend your home.
- Remove combustibles (patio furniture, firewood, etc.) within 30 feet of your home.
- Put on any protective clothing and gear you are not already wearing (heavy shoes/boots, and clothing with natural fibers - not synthetics).
- Close windows and doors to the house to prevent sparks and embers from blowing inside.
- Close all doors inside the house to prevent draft.
- Close or cover outside attic, eaves, basement vents and chimney flues.
- Disconnect automatic garage door openers and leave garage windows and doors unlocked.
- Take down drapes and curtains, and close all blinds and shutters to deflect heat.
- Move overstuffed furniture away from windows and glass doors.
- Leave exterior and interior lights on to offer visibility to responders.
- Fill all bathtubs, sinks and other containers with water to deflect heat.
- Do NOT leave sprinklers running.

If you've been told to evacuate, you should leave immediately. Do not take the time to prepare your home.