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Emergency Evacuation Checklist

Grab-and-go items, before-you-leave steps, and wildfire preparedness actions

Only use this checklist based on the time you have. IF YOU ARE TOLD TO EVACUATE, LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. Safety comes first. Do not delay leaving to gather items.

QUICK HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Household name:	_____	Emergency supports:	_____
Phone:	_____	Medications/allergies:	_____
Out-of-area contact:	_____	Transportation plan:	_____
Meeting place:	_____	Care needs:	_____
Pets/livestock:	_____	Other notes:	_____

1. WHAT TO TAKE

Prioritize people, pets, medicines, identification, keys, phone, wallet, and your grab-and-go bag. Only take extra items if time permits.

PEOPLE, FAMILY, AND PETS

☐ Photo of all household members	☐ Pet ID tags
☐ Pet leashes or carriers	☐ Pet medications
☐ Pet food and water bowls	☐ Pet comfort item
☐ Plan for elders or people needing help	☐ Plan for children and school/daycare pickup
☐ Mobility aids or medical devices	☐ Spare glasses, hearing aids, batteries

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

☐ Birth certificates	☐ Status cards / government ID
☐ Driver licences	☐ Health cards
☐ Insurance papers	☐ House/Land Certificate of Possessions or rental papers
☐ Vehicle insurance	☐ Bank information

☐ Marriage or legal papers	☐ Passports
☐ Computer backup drive or USB	☐ Chargers for laptop/tablet/phone

MONEY AND VALUABLES

☐ Wallet / purse	☐ Cash in small bills
☐ Credit/debit cards	☐ Blank cheques if needed
☐ Jewelry and family heirlooms	☐ Awards, pins, regalia or meaningful items
☐ Irreplaceable keepsakes	☐ Photos, albums, slides or home videos

2. FOOD, WATER, MEDICATION, AND COMFORT ITEMS

MEDICATION AND FIRST AID

☐ Prescription medication	☐ Prescription list and pharmacy contact
☐ Dentures	☐ Prescription glasses
☐ Hearing aids and batteries	☐ First aid kit
☐ Pain reliever	☐ Motion sickness tablets
☐ Medical equipment supplies	☐ Copies of medical instructions

FOOD AND WATER

☐ Water for each person and pet	☐ Ready-to-eat non-perishable food
☐ Manual can opener	☐ Pet food and treats
☐ Baby formula or special diet food	☐ Water storage containers
☐ Reusable water bottles	☐ Snacks for travel
☐ Food storage bags	☐ Cooler and ice packs if needed

HYGIENE, SANITATION, AND CLOTHING

☐ Toothbrushes and toothpaste	☐ Soap and towels
☐ Sanitary supplies	☐ Toilet paper and wipes
☐ Covered container for emergency toilet	☐ Change of clothing for each person
☐ Underwear and socks	☐ Coats or jackets
☐ Gloves, hats and caps	☐ Shoes or boots
☐ Sleepwear	☐ Infant supplies and toys

ADDITIONAL ITEMS IF TIME PERMITS

☐ Cell phones and chargers	☐ Power banks and extra batteries
☐ Flashlights	☐ Portable radio
☐ Cameras and chargers	☐ Reading material
☐ Recreation items for children	☐ Emergency blanket
☐ Spare keys	☐ Printed map or written directions

3. WHAT TO DO BEFORE LEAVING

Complete these steps only if there is time and it is safe. If there is immediate danger, leave right away.

BEFORE LEAVING STEPS

☐ Follow all official evacuation instructions
☐ Decide where separated household members will meet
☐ Tell a trusted contact where you are going
☐ Take one vehicle if possible and keep the gas tank full
☐ Close windows, doors, garage doors and skylights
☐ Close heavy curtains or fire-resistant window coverings if time permits
☐ Turn off air conditioning and fans
☐ Disconnect propane tanks if safe and appropriate
☐ Do not turn off natural gas unless directed or if you suspect a leak
☐ Leave exterior lights on so firefighters can see the home in smoke or darkness
☐ Move combustible items away from windows and away from the outside of the house
☐ Move patio furniture, cushions, toys, doormats, propane tanks and firewood away from structures
☐ Make hoses, ladders, spigots and other useful equipment visible for firefighters
☐ Place evacuation vehicle in the driveway facing the road or travel route
☐ Leave a note on the door with who evacuated, where you went, and a phone number
☐ Shut and lock doors only if instructed to do so. Do not block firefighter access
☐ If livestock are present, follow your livestock evacuation plan where safe to do so
☐ Remove lace, nylon or lightweight curtains if time permits
☐ Soak small burlap sacks, rugs or rags in containers if time permits
☐ Turn off appliances, thermostats, fireplaces and stoves

4. What to Do Now to Prepare

These actions can be started before an evacuation alert. The goal is to make leaving faster and make the home easier for firefighters to protect.

PREPARE NOW CHECKLIST

☐ Pack and maintain a grab-and-go bag for each household member.
☐ Keep vehicle fuel at least half full during wildfire season. Considering Filling up
☐ Clear debris from roof and gutters.
☐ Clear driveway access for emergency vehicles.
☐ Clear vegetation near hydrants and utility boxes.
☐ Cut grass and weeds close to structures, propane tanks and fences.
☐ Create outdoor water access with hoses that can reach the house.
☐ Make an inventory list of belongings.
☐ Take photos or video of belongings for insurance records.
☐ Keep fire tools, ladders and fire extinguishers accessible.
☐ Install or maintain smoke alarms and test them often.
☐ Check vents, screens and openings so embers cannot easily enter.
☐ Remove branches that overhang the roof or chimney.
☐ Remove trash, debris and dry vegetation around the home.
☐ Move firewood away from the house.
☐ Post visible address signage from the street or road.
☐ Practice family fire drill and evacuation plan.
☐ Practice STOP, DROP and ROLL with children.
☐ Prepare a list of valuables to take, stored together if possible.
☐ Plan transportation for elders, people with disabilities and those without vehicles.
☐ Create a plan for pets and livestock, including carriers, feed and destination.
☐ Register for community emergency communications and monitor official updates.

5. Notes, Contacts, and Resources

Write important phone numbers and instructions below. Keep a printed copy in your vehicle and grab-and-go bag.

Contact / service	Phone / email	Notes

Sources and adaptation note: This PIB checklist was adapted from the provided Emergency Evacuation Checklist images and cross-checked with PreparedBC and FireSmart BC public emergency preparedness guidance.

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- Do not wait for an evacuation order if a person needs extra time to leave safely. Use your own judgement and leave early when needed.
- Take pets with you whenever possible. Do not leave pets tied up or without food and water. You can contact to Alert (Animal Lifeline Emergency Response Team) to help evacuating an animal or feeding animals sheltering in place, please call (250) 809-7152
- Keep medications and important documents in one easy-to-grab location.
- Use text messages when phone lines are busy.

IN THE EVENT THAT YOU ARE ORDERED TO EVACUATE, PLEASE GO TO THE PIB ESS RECEPTION CENTRE LOCATION THAT WILL BE DESIGNATED TO PIB COMMUNITY EVACUEES.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE, APPS and SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE DESIGNATED LOCATION