



# EVACUATION PLANNING

It is important to remain calm, think clearly, and act decisively during a wildfire. Stayed tuned to local radio or television stations for up to date information.

## EVACUATION

There are a number of ways that citizens will be notified about an emergency in their area. If you receive the notice to evacuate, it is important to respond immediately. Waiting or choosing not to evacuate when told to leave can put you and your family in danger. Some of the ways that information will be communicated to the public include:

- Local TV and Radio
- Emergency Alert System (EAS)
- Emergency Notification System (ENS)
- Emergency Personnel
- Visit [elpasoteller911.org](http://elpasoteller911.org) for more information and to register cell phone numbers

## PREPARING FOR IMMEDIATE EVACUATION

As soon as you are alerted to an emergency in your area, follow these steps and be prepared to leave immediately:

- Back the car into the garage, roll the windows up, and leave the keys in the ignition.
- Close garage door and set it for manual operation.
- Load important documents, pets, valuables, evacuation kit, and prescriptions into the car.
- Take only one vehicle - stay together.
- No boats or RV's.
- Wear long pants, long sleeves, and sturdy shoes.
- Take only essential items:
  - Medications/Prescriptions
  - Eyeglasses, dentures, hearing aids
  - Identification
  - Financial Resources - cash, credit cards, checks, bank cards

## DURING AN EVACUATION

**Evacuation** ▶ **Structure** ▶ **Vehicle** ▶ **Foot**

During an evacuation, immediately follow instructions from fire, police, and emergency officials. Conditions during an evacuation can be chaotic. Evacuating early and away from the emergency is recommended, however if you cannot safely evacuate, follow these guidelines:

- If you become trapped by fire, seek refuge in a structure.
- If you are trapped in your vehicle, park in a clear area, close windows and vents, and cover up with a blanket on the floor.
- If on foot, find a clear area, lay down on the ground and protect your airway.



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