



Protecting Your Home

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As time allows, these are some things you can do to protect your house and property leading up to when you evacuate. DO NOT put your life in danger to complete any of the tasks to protect your home and property. Make the animals the priority if time is limited.

Check off all that apply, once you complete the task

Inside Your Home

- Close all windows and remove any flammable materials that are hung on or near the window
- Turn off air conditioner
- Turn off ceiling fans
- Turn off exhaust fans
- Close all interior and exterior doors

Other Buildings

- Close garage door and windows
- Close out building doors and windows

Outdoors

- Move anything with gas or propane in it away from house/garage/sheds/etc.
- Turn off propane tank
- Remove all flammable items on your porch and/or deck
- Remove all flammable items under your deck
- Remove any leaves, twigs or small branches next to any buildings
- Turn off electric fence if you have one
- Turn off sprinklers
- Put hoses in a visible location in front and back of house for firefighters to use
- Put tallest ladder you have in a visible location in front of house for firefighters to use
- Put chain saw in a location in front of house for firefighters to use

- Post filled out [People Evacuated - All Clear](#) sign on front/back door or any other exterior door or Post [People Not Evacuated](#) sign in the same locations
- Post filled out [Animal Evacuated Sign](#) on front/back door and any animal enclosures, including barn

Animals

- If all animals were not evacuated fill up multiple water bowls and put out food for several days
- If any animals are in an enclosed area, give them an escape route - DO NOT leave them confined
- NOTE: If there is an animal in the house you can't locate, such as a cat, leaving a window and the door in the room where you suspect they are, gives them an escape route, but it also can give sparks easier access to the inside of your house. This has to be your call as to what you want to do.

Each property is unique so add any other tasks that need to be done before leaving to make your property as fire safe as possible.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER!

While completing these tasks remember to continue to monitor the disasters!