

# Wildfire Evacuation Checklist



If evacuation is anticipated and time allows, follow this checklist to give your family and home the best chance for survival. Complete the Family Communications Plan on the opposite side for each family member and keep in your wildfire and emergency 'Go Bag'.

[steamboatsprings.net/fire](http://steamboatsprings.net/fire)

## EVACUATION ORDER

Leave now! Evacuate immediately. Do not delay to gather valuables or prepare your home. Follow any directions given in the evacuation order.

## EVACUATION WARNING

Evacuate as soon as possible. A short delay to gather your *Go Bag* and prepare your home may be okay. Leave if you feel unsafe or conditions change.

## SHELTER IN PLACE

Stay in your current location or the safest nearby building or unburnable area. May be required when evacuation is impossible, dangerous or unnecessary.

## ALWAYS

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Keep cell phone fully charged.
- Notify contact of your phone number, location and status. Update regularly.
- Leave note with your contact info and out-of-area contact taped to fridge or inside a front window.
- Check on or call neighbors to alert them to prepare at first sign of fire.

### ON YOUR PERSON

- Dress all family members in long sleeves and long pants; heavy cotton or wool is best, no matter how hot it is.
- Wear full coverage goggles, leather gloves and head protection.
- Cover faces with a dry cotton or wool bandanna or scarf over an N95 respirator. Tie long hair back.
- Carry a headlamp and flashlight (even during the day).
- Carry car keys, wallet, ID, cell phone and spare battery.
- Drink plenty of water-stay hydrated.
- Put *Go Bags* in your vehicle.

### PETS & ANIMALS

- Locate your pets and place in carriers NOW. You won't be able to catch them when the fire approaches.
- Be sure your pets wear tags and are registered with microchips.
- Place carriers (with your pets in them) near the front door, with fresh water and extra food.
- Prepare horses and large animals for transport and consider moving them to a safe location early, before evacuation is ordered.

## IF TIME ALLOWS

### INSIDE THE HOUSE

- Shut all windows and doors (interior too) and leave them unlocked.
- Remove combustible window shades and curtains; close metal shutters.
- Move furniture to the center of the room away from windows.
- Leave on indoor and outdoor lights.

### OUTSIDE & IN NEIGHBORHOOD

- Place combustible outdoor items (patio furniture, toys, doormats, trash can, etc) in garage or 30' from structures (optional: place in pool).
- Shut off gas at the meter or propane tank; move small tanks at least 15' away from combustibles.
- Connect garden hoses with squeeze-grip nozzles to outdoor spigots for use by firefighters
- Fill water buckets and place around outside of house, especially near decks and fences.
- Clean your gutters and blow leaves away from house.
- Back your car into driveway, loaded, with doors and windows closed.
- Prop open fence and side gates
- Place ladder(s) at corner(s) of structure(s) for firefighters.
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or metal covers (even duct tape will protect from ember entry) if time allows.
- Patrol your property and monitor conditions. Leave if spot fires ignite or conditions change.

## WHEN YOU LEAVE

### PROPERTY DEPARTURE

- Leave immediately if ordered.
- Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel unsafe or conditions change; leave early if unsure.
- Assist elderly or disabled neighbors.
- Carpool with neighbors to reduce traffic.
- Take only essential vehicles with adequate fuel.
- In your car, turn on headlights, close windows, turn on inside air and AC, tune to local radio.
- Drive slowly and defensively; be observant.
- The best evacuation route is usually the one you know best. Take the fastest paved route to valley floor, away from the fire if possible.
- Proceed downhill, away from the fire if possible. Know two routes.
- If roads are impassable or trapped: take shelter in a building, car or an open area; park in an outside turn if trapped on a hillside; stay far from vegetation; look for wide roads, parking lots, playing fields, etc.
- If trapped, you are better protected inside a building or vehicle.
- Don't abandon your car in the road if passage is impossible. If you must leave car, park it off the road and seek other options for shelter.
- Evacuate on foot as a last resort.
- Don't evacuate by fire road, uphill or into open-space areas with unburned vegetation.
- Remain calm - panic is deadly.**

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- SSFireRescue
- RouttCountyOEM
- CityofSteamboat
- RouttCountyOEM

## ROUTT COUNTY ALERTS

Used when emergency action is required at specific address: wildfire, imminent flooding, evacuations shelter in place & public safety incidents where lives may be at risk. *Online registration required!*

[routtcountyalerts.com](http://routtcountyalerts.com)

# EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PLAN

## HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Other #/Social \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Other #/Social \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Other #/Social \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Other #/Social \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL, CHILDCARE, WORKPLACE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Plan/Pickup \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Plan/Pickup \_\_\_\_\_  
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## LOCAL CONTACTS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## EMERGENCY MEETING LOCATIONS

Location 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions \_\_\_\_\_  
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Location 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions \_\_\_\_\_  
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Location 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions \_\_\_\_\_  
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## INSURANCE

Home/Renters Policy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Auto Policy \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Policy 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Policy 2 \_\_\_\_\_

## OTHER

Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDIA

Radio: 550AM, 1230AM, 88.5FM, 93.7FM, 95.5FM, 95.9FM, 96.9FM, 98.9FM, 100.5FM, 104.1FM, 105.7FM, 107.3FM

Newspaper: Steamboat Pilot & Today

# WILDFIRE & EMERGENCY 'GO BAG'

Put together an emergency 'Go Bag' in advance for each family member and keep it easily accessible. Plan to be away from your home for an extended period of time. Each person should have their own GO BAG.

- Bandana, N95 respirator, goggles, leather gloves, long shirt & pants, boots & hat.
- Flashlight and headlamp with spare batteries.
- Extra car keys, credit cards, cash

- Map marked with two evacuation routes (if possible)
- Prescription medications
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- First aid kit
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries.
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, insurance policies, etc.)
- Pet food and water, leashes, pet supplies and medications.

- Water bottles and food.
- Sanitation supplies
- Change of clothing
- Spare chargers for cell phone, laptops, etc.

### Items to take only if time allows

- Easily carried valuables
- Family photos, small heirlooms and other irreplaceable items.
- Personal computer data and digital information backups on hard drives and/or disks.