



ARE YOU READY TO GO?

This weekend is a good time to get your “TO GO BAGS” ready, and establish a plan for your family and pets. Things to consider are:

- Prepare a “TO GO BAG” for every member of your family, including your pets. A seven-day minimum of supplies is recommended.
- Take a photo of you with your pets, including your large animals. You may need it for identification.
- Make a plan to move your large animals. **DO NOT TURN THEM LOOSE.** Check trailers, especially the tires and beds (flooring), to make sure they are in good working condition.
- Make plans with friends or family members outside of the area. Communication is vital in an emergency. In addition, you and your pets may need a place to go in the event of an evacuation.
- Register your cell phone with the Office of Emergency Services, Alert Notification System, El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office at <http://ready.edso.org/>.
- Get to know your neighbors. Are there individuals in your community that may need assistance in the event of a disaster?
- Familiarize yourself and your family with all evacuation routes.
- **KEEP YOUR GAS TANKS FULL AND YOUR CELL PHONES CHARGED.**
- Consider downloading a free scanner radio app on your cell phone. You may not have cell service during an emergency, but texting may still work. If you have a Ham Radio and operator’s license, that is even better.
- Evacuate early and keep calm. Do not wait to be told to leave. Emergency response teams may be unable to notify or reach you in a timely manner.

These are just a few tips to consider. Be prepared for any emergency, not just a wildfire. Make sure you have plenty of supplies, and take the time to prepare. If you have any questions, please contact your local Fire Safe Council for assistance.

www.edcfiresafe.org

www.caloes.ca.gov

www.readyforwildfire.org/

www.cdc.gov

www.usa.gov/prepare-for-disasters

www.dhs.gov/how-do-i/prepare-my-family-disaster

www.aspc.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/disaster-preparedness

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