

Advanced preparation is the first step to an effective Wildfire Action Plan.

Before the Fire Starts:

- Create a Personal Wildfire Evacuation Plan that includes meeting locations and communication plans and rehearse it regularly. Include the evacuation of large animals such as horses if applicable. (See page 10 for worksheet.)
- Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them.
- Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric, and water main shut-off controls are and how to use them.
- Plan several different escape routes.
- Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire hazard area.
- Appoint an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact so you can communicate with family members who have relocated.
- Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers posted near your phone and in your emergency supply kit (see page 10).
- Have a portable radio or scanner so you can stay updated on the fire.
- Register with Alert San Diego. You can include your cell phone number and/or your email address to receive Reverse 9-1-1 notifications. In an emergency, this system automatically calls and emails registered users with updates and emergency information.
Register at www.ReadySanDiego.org
- Tell your neighbors about Ready, Set, GO! and your Wildfire Action Plan.**

Create an Emergency Supply Kit:

The American Red Cross recommends every family have an emergency supply kit assembled long before a wildland fire or other emergency occurs. Use the checklist below to help assemble yours. For more information on emergency supplies, visit the American Red Cross Web site at www.redcross.org.

- Three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day)
- Non-perishable food for all family members and pets (three-day supply)
- First aid kit
- Flashlight, battery-powered radio, and extra batteries
- An extra set of car keys
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Sanitation supplies
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- Important contact numbers (see page 10)
- Map marked with evacuation routes
- Extra prescriptions or special medications
- Disks or devices that contain back-up information from computers or hard drives
- Chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.
- Keep a pair of old shoes and a flashlight handy in case of a sudden evacuation at night.*
- Keep an extra Emergency Supply Kit in your car in case you can't get to your home because of fire.*