

Gilpin County Wildfire Evacuation Preparedness

The best time to prepare yourself and your family in case for an emergency evacuation is before you are called to act. The more prepared you are, the more effectively the Volunteer Fire Department can protect you and your homes if a wildland fire threatens your neighborhood.

What to do before a Wildfire Threatens

- **Plan more than one escape route from your home *AND* subdivision by car *AND* by foot**
- **Prepare a family evacuation kit that includes:**
 - Three changes of clothing and a change of footwear per person and one blanket or sleeping bag per person
 - A three-day supply of food and water (food that won't spoil)
 - A first aid kit that includes your family's prescription medications
 - Emergency tools including a battery-powered AM/FM radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries
 - Extra car keys and a credit card, cash, or traveler's checks
 - Sanitation supplies
 - Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members
 - An extra pair of eyeglasses/sunglasses
 - Important family documents:
 - Will, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks, bonds
 - Passports, social security cards, immunization records
 - Bank account numbers
 - Credit card account numbers and companies
 - Inventory of valuable household goods, important phone numbers
 - Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)
- **Pick *TWO* meeting places for your family**
 - Places a safe distance from your home
 - Places outside of your neighborhood in case you can't return to the area of your home
- **Develop a communication plan in case of separation**
 - Post a copy of the communication plan in your house
 - Have a copy in each of your cars
 - Have a copy at work
- **If you have livestock or large animals, make a plan for how to evacuate them and where to keep them** (See Wildfire evacuation for horse owners):
 - *Seems like an internet link should go here – I could not find it*

- **Make sure you are signed up with Gilpin County's emergency notification system**
 - If you have an internet connection:
 - Go to <http://www.co.gilpin.co.us/> and click on the link [Residential Emergency Notification Sign-up](#)
 - If you do not have access to the internet, you may visit the Gilpin County Public Library's computer terminals, or contact Vicki at 303-582-5214 for assistance

- **Make sure you have a CLEARLY marked address visible from the street - this will help the firefighters help you!**
 - The street address should be posted near the street
 - The sign should be placed on something that won't burn
 - Gilpin County has approved reflective signs available for purchase
 - Go to <http://www.co.gilpin.co.us/> and click on the link [Reflective residential address signs for purchase](#)

- **Keep your gas tank no less than half full, so you can drive far enough away**