

## HOME PROTECTION (“Hardening”)

What you can do	Recommended Products/Design/Action
Install covered roof gutters. Roofs catch on fire from debris in gutters burning into roof sheeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best: BYERS LEAF GUARD (thatsbyers.com/leaf guard) \$\$\$ Manufacturer claims won't clog or they clean it out.</li> <li>Very Good: MICRO-MESH GUTTER GUARD (gutterglove.com) \$ Installs over existing metal gutters. (Home Depot/Lowes)</li> </ul>
Metal roof gutters only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace plastic gutters or remove gutters entirely from areas that don't require gutters</li> </ul>
Replace attic and cellar vent covers; cover exterior vertical pipes, with 1/16 inch metal mesh, or smaller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get “Vulcan Vents” or a baffle design with metal slats on the front and mesh in the back</li> </ul>
Remove all vegetation within 5 feet of house, including tree branches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install gravel or tiles at least 18 inches from the walls</li> <li>Trim back tree branches that overhang roof</li> </ul>
Clear decks and patios attached to house and add fire barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove ALL items under deck</li> <li>Put metal screen behind lattice or decorative screening</li> <li>Put metal screen or box on house openings underneath deck</li> </ul>
Mark all large tanks or containers for firefighters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearly mark all tanks with “EMPTY” or “FUEL INSIDE” so that firefighters don't waste time trying to determine danger</li> </ul>

## BE SMART, STAY SAFE

### On Red Flag Warning Days

- NO mechanized equipment
- Stay home, pay attention
- If you smell smoke, prepare to leave
- If windy and smoky, get out *NOW!*

### Fire Season

- NO campfires or any burning
- Always rake up and remove pine needles
- Remember, fire burns uphill
- Do NOT use a mower or weed-whacker

## GET THE LATEST INFORMATION

### Communications Resources

- KVCG RADIO 1340 AM, 96.5 FM  
Jackson radio station provides local information after the national news at the top of every hour.
- Facebook: Mother Lode Fire and Police Information
- Go to <https://www.amadorgov.org/departments/office-of-emergency-services/emergency-resources> for information about evacuations, power outages, road closures, shelters, incident maps, and more.

**More Information** Readyforwildfire.org

## EVACUATION PREPARATION

- Always park your car facing outward to save time. Keep plenty of gas in your car.
- If you need to trailer, LEAVE EARLY. At some point trailers will not be allowed on the road.
- Keep a sturdy pair of shoes and a flashlight near your bed in case of a sudden evacuation at night.

### Assemble a “Go Bag” (Emergency Supply Kit)

Put together a “go bag” now, before a wildfire occurs and keep it in a location you can easily access if you have to evacuate. Plan to be away from your home for at least three (3) days. Use a bag that is easy to grab, such as a backpack, and light enough to place in your car. For food and water, a cooler with wheels makes it easy to transport.

#### The Basics

- **Food and water.** Three-day supply of non-perishable food and three gallons of water per person.
- **Evacuation route.** Map marked with at least two evacuation routes
- **Prescriptions** or special medications
- **Clothing.** Change of clothing, including outerwear and work gloves
- **Glasses.** Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- **Money.** Credit cards, checkbook and cash
- **Keys.** An extra set of car keys
- **First aid kit**
- **Flashlight**
- **Radio.** Battery-powered or hand crank radio and extra batteries
- Sanitation supplies
- **Important papers.** Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, etc.)
- **Whistle.** A whistle in case you are trapped

*Consistently check that all equipment is in working order.*

For more information on emergency supplies, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

#### Pets

- Don't forget pet food, water, and bowl!
- Leash and collar
- Carrier crate; bedding
- Medications, vet information

#### Items to take if time allows

- Easily carried valuables
- Family photos and other irreplaceable items
- Personal computer information on hard drives, USB, disks, etc.
- Chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.

