

## **CHECKLIST FOR EVACUATIONS**

**PUT THESE ITEMS INTO YOUR CAR THE DAY/NIGHT YOU LEAVE – THIS REQUIRES PRE-PACKING!**

1. Secure animals in bathroom until the moment you leave with them. Do not let them run into a hiding place (they will want to – it's pure insanity in the dark!!). Do not let them dash outside while you pack your car!!
2. Computers, Cords, Mouse & Flash drives
3. Phones & Chargers
4. Cash/Valuables, Checkbooks
5. Keys, Wallet, Purse, Reading Glasses/Contact Lenses & Sunglasses
6. Medicines/Vitamins/Safety Supplies (peroxide, bandaids, matches/lighter, good knife & shovel, etc)
7. Family Photos
8. Go Bag – warm & cool weather clothes, coats, rain ponchos, comfortable shoes/socks, toiletries, etc.
9. Food, Pet Food, Water, Toilet Paper, Baby Wipes & Some Trash Bags
10. Flashlights/Headlamps w/ extra batteries, goggles (to see through smoke), rags to get wet to keep from breathing smoke or good mask
11. Maps – the old kind. Phones may not work.
12. Compass! Thick smoke prevents knowing which direction you are going!!

## **BEFORE EVACUATION**

**Some of these you'll do in advance (days, weeks), and others you'll do the moment your car is fully packed and you are literally driving away from your home**

1. Set up headlamps in bedrooms & flashlights in kitchen. Best to wear the headlamp but ALSO have several big flashlights set out in a stationary place. Headlamp can cause headache as head moves quickly so stationary light is critical to see the whole area.
2. Gas up cars
3. Move propane tanks/grill
4. Spray water on roof, yard, etc.
5. Take trash to bins
6. Lock Windows
7. Unplug appliances
8. Turn off icemaker
9. Some say to leave a light on, some do not. You decide.
10. Turn off gas & flip unneeded breakers
11. Check in with neighbors
12. Get mail
13. Plan your routes – get maps in car in advance
14. Pack Everything you'll take for evacuation above, i.e., Go-Bag, Food, Pet Food, Water, Toilet Paper, Baby Wipes, Trash Bags, Medicines, etc.