

RESOURCES & HELP FOR LAWYERS AFFECTED BY WILDFIRES

1. **Remember: Personal safety first**
2. **Evacuation Preparedness**
 - a. Have a fire evacuation checklist ready to go. See the attached sample.
 - b. Know your community's evacuation plan and location for your evacuation centers. Monitor your county's website for your wildfire evacuation check-in site.
 - c. Prepare a Go Now Kit to have at your door containing:
 - i. Current medication bottles, list of medications with dosage, pharmacy phone and prescription numbers, and prescribing doctors
 - ii. Phone numbers of doctors, family, and friends
 - iii. Pet supplies including collars, leashes, and carriers marked with your contact information, phone numbers for vets
 - iv. Original personal papers, government-issued identification such as drivers licenses, passports, social security cards, Medicare cards, and, if relevant, immigration cards.
 - d. Prepare safety of large animals and livestock by checking evacuation centers for your area.
3. **Helpful Government Websites**
 - a. State of Oregon Air Quality (www.airnow.gov)
 - b. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov/disasters/wildfires/)
 - c. Maps of current fires (<https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/information/firemap.aspx>)
 - d. State of Oregon wildfire resources (<https://wildfire.oregon.gov/>)
4. **Distress Management**
 - a. Tips for managing your distress related to wildfires, provided by the American Psychological Association (www.apa.org/topics/disasters-response/wildfires-tips)
5. **Professional Membership Organizations**
 - a. Professional Liability Fund (www.osbplf.org; 503-639-6911)
 - b. PLF Risk Management Assistance
 - i. Practice management assistance from Practice Management Attorneys (<https://www.osbplf.org/>)
 - ii. Mental and emotional assistance from the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program (OAAP) Attorney Counselors (www.oaap.org)
 - c. Oregon State Bar (www.osbar.org; 503-620-0222)
6. **Oregon Judicial Department**
 - a. Listing of court closures for various counties (www.courts.oregon.gov/Pages/default.aspx)
7. **Wildfire Evacuation Check-in Sites by County.** Please monitor your county's website for current wildfire evacuation check-in sites.
8. **Storage of Belongings.** Check your local storage facilities for any discounts available to evacuees of wildfires.
9. **Road Conditions.** Go to Trip Check for current road conditions across the state (<https://tripcheck.com/>)

See the attached sample Fire Evacuation Checklist below as an additional resource.

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Fire Evacuation Checklist

1. Complete phone list or phone address book (snail and email), including cellphones of neighbors, family. Special or valuable items (make your own list).
2. Have at least 1/2 tank of fuel in your vehicle at all times. Flashlight, portable radio.
3. All household & car keys, wallet, handbag, cellphones & any credit cards you keep in a drawer that you might need.
4. Make a prior arrangement to contact a neighbor or friend who might be available to help you in an evacuation situation with loading or driving a second or third vehicle, or to help with large animals such as horses or penned animals.
5. Have pet carriers, leashes, food bowls, food, litter boxes, litter, and other pet needs ready to go & ready for the car (store in a secure place so these are easily loaded into the car).
6. Have very important files, photos, back-up disks, plug-in USB virtual drives, and small compact file boxes ready to go. Include such things as homeowner's policies, auto policies, life & investment files, bank records, legal documents, and licenses. Have these ready, packed, stored in a secure place to go immediately into the car (or store in a fireproof safe or fireproof bunker).
7. Computer CPU (hard-drive most important) if you have no back-ups.
8. Cameras & expensive jewelry or important electronic devices.
9. Suitcase filled with old but useable clothing, socks, underwear, jackets, sweatshirt, extra shoes, etc. Keep this packed ahead. Include a bag of toiletry items, including deodorant, disposable shavers, extra toothbrushes, shampoo & shaving cream, toothpaste, extra regular medications to last a few days.
10. If you have enough room, consider a few items from your camping or picnic supplies. Also include pillows & light blankets (in case you might have to sleep outside while evacuated).
11. Round up your pets. Get them secured and ready to go into the car with no way of escape before they are loaded into the car (this is especially important with cats).
12. If time, draft an email and send to friends and family about your intentions.
13. Close all windows, close all interior doors, remove curtains from area of windows.
14. Turn off propane gas at tank, remove BBQ propane tank, take it with you or store in a secure place such as a bunker or away from your house.