

CHECK LIST #1

Starting this month Fitch Mountain COPE Committee will post a monthly reminder - checklist - to prepare for emergency evacuation.

Each month will be a different list.

In case of an emergency we want all our neighbors to make it to safety.

AUGUST – Fire Season has begun

- During the dry-season keep exterior hoses hooked up to exterior water sources around the house.
- Keep you car keys, wallet, glasses, and cell phone in a dedicated location en route to your evacuation route/door.
- Have your Go-Bag packed for each member of the family including pets.
- Make a list of things you need to take.
- Park your car facing outward facing the street
- Know how to open your garage door if the electricity is out
- Locate designated evacuation location(s) for people, pets, and animals
- Have an out of town contact

IF YOU NEED TO EVACUATE

- Know in advance where to evacuate your family, children, elderly, disabled persons, and pets

Evacuate with your family DO NOT STAY BEHIND

- Close all windows and doors into your house
- Close all interior doors
- Leave doors and windows unlocked
- Move combustible (curtains, furniture, knick-knacks) away from windows
- Move all exterior combustibles (clothing, furniture, umbrellas, barbecues, and propane tanks away from the house.
- Items on a deck move into the house or move 5' away from the house.

CLOSE YOUR GARAGE DOOR AND ALL EXIT DOORS WHEN YOU EVACUATE.

**Share this checklist with your family.
Involve your family in being prepared.**

For more information go to <http://fitchmtn.org/cope.html>

Information above is referenced from materials distributed by Cal Fire