



Preparing for Wildfires in Gold River Community Engagement Session

Date: Thursday May 9th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Community Hall in Gerry Morgan Memorial Centre
350 Muchalaht Drive

Topics for Discussion

- How to reduce the damage of wildfires to your home and property.
- Emergency notifications.
- Evacuation Alerts and Evacuation Orders.
- Emergency Support Services.
- Gold River's Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan.

Do I need to register in advance? No

For more information, please contact Wildfire Risk Reduction Coordinator Bonnie Logan at wrr@srd.ca or 250-914-9234.





Evacuation Checklist – Preparing for a Wildfire Evacuation

When an evacuation is anticipated, follow this checklist to protect your home and property from wildfire (if there is time to do so). Monitor the fire situation and don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel threatened. **If ordered to evacuate, do so immediately.**

Inside the House

- Gather your grab-and-go bags, emergency plan, copies of important documents and cherished mementos. Have them at the front door or already packed in your vehicle.
- Take down flammable curtains and window treatments.
- Move flammable furniture to the centre of the room, away from windows and doors.
- Disconnect automatic garage door openers so doors can be opened by hand if you lose power.
- Shut all windows, doors, and garage doors. Seal any gaps with duct tape.
- Turn off air conditioning, home water and electricity.
- Leave both interior and exterior lights on so your home is visible in heavy smoke.

Outside the House

- Move combustible items (toys, patio furniture, cushions, firewood, door mats etc.) from on and under deck and move them into your home or garage, or at least 10m away from the house.
- Ensure your vehicle has fuel. The tank should always be at least half-full.
- Connect garden hoses and fill large containers with water, such as pools, hot tubs, and garbage cans. This can assist firefighters and help slow advancing flames.
- Ensure your property number is visible. This will help firefighters locate your home quickly.
- Shut off and move portable tank 10m away from structures. Remove weeds and other debris from areas around large stationary propane tanks so there is no combustible material near tank.
- If you have a combustible fence that attaches to your home: secure gate in an open position.
- Mow grass and weeds to 10 cm or less. Clear vegetation and debris within 10m of the home and near combustible fences.
- Check vents for screening and damage. Use duct or metal tape to temporarily cover damaged vents or those without 3mm screening.

Animals

- Locate your pets and keep them nearby.
- Prepare farm animals for transport and think about moving them to a safe location early.

Do not shut off your natural gas.

Do not leave sprinklers on or water running, this can affect critical water pressure used for firefighting.

