

- ✓ Connect garden hoses. Fill garbage cans, tubs, or other large containers with water. Shut off natural gas from the source, and move propane or fuel oil supplies away from the house.
 - ✓ Follow any additional guidance provided by local authorities.
- When driving away from a fire:
- ✓ Roll up windows and close air vents because smoke from a fire can irritate your eyes and respiratory system.
 - ✓ Drive slowly with your headlights on because smoke can reduce visibility.
 - ✓ Watch for other vehicles, pedestrians, and fleeing animals.
 - ✓ Avoid driving through heavy smoke, if possible.

IF TRAPPED IN YOUR HOME

If you do not leave before the fire reaches your immediate area and you are trapped in your home, take the following actions:

- Call 911, provide your location, and explain your situation.
- Turn on the lights to increase the visibility of your home in heavy smoke.
- Keep doors, windows, vents, and fire screens closed. Keep your doors unlocked.
- Move flammable materials (e.g., curtains, furniture) away from windows and sliding glass doors.
- Fill sinks and tubs with water.
- Stay inside, away from outside walls and windows.

IF TRAPPED IN A VEHICLE OR OUTDOORS

Researchers are examining guidance to provide the best advice for last resort actions if you are trapped in a vehicle or outdoors. If you are in a vehicle, base your decision to stay in the vehicle or to take cover outside on your specific circumstances, including your distance from the fire, the direction of the fire, whether there is fuel (e.g., brush and trees) near your vehicle, and the potential for rescue. Try to stay away from fuel sources; stay in a rocky area or roadway, or near a water source. Stay low to reduce the effects of heat and smoke, breathe through cloth to avoid inhaling smoke, and cover yourself with a wool blanket or coat, or even dirt. If you are trapped by the fire, immediately call 911, if possible, to provide your location and explain your situation.