What to do immediately before, during, and after an evacuation.

Other resources:
Dial 211
RedCross.org
Fire.CA.gov
CalOES.CA.gov

Important Numbers:

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(916) 648-3600
BEFORE
▶ Turn your vehicle around so it is facing the road.
▶ Have a paper map with multiple exit routes.
▶ Adhere to any evacuation alerts, orders, or warnings.
▶ Close doors and windows but keep them unlocked.
▶ Locate pets, keep carriers/crates nearby, determine shelter availability.
▶ Add last-minute items to your evacuation kit and keep by door.
▶ Charge cell phone and other necessary electronic devices.

DURING
▶ Evacuate if threatened or when ordered by officials.
▶ Leave a note with names of people, license plate, planned destination, time/date you left.
▶ Leave interior and exterior lights on.
▶ Call or text an out-of-area contact to let them know you are evacuating.
▶ Follow guidance of officials to determine the safest evacuation route.
▶ Avoid traveling on roads near burning vegetation.
▶ Drive with headlights on, windows closed, and AC on recirculate.

AFTER
▶ Check in with Red Cross, neighborhood contacts, and family members.
▶ Let your out-of-area contact know you’ve made it out safely.
▶ Do not return home until officials say it’s safe to do so.
▶ Check for hot spots, damaged trees, loose rocks, embers, and fire damage.
▶ Do not drink from water supply until officials say it’s safe.
▶ Discard any food that has been exposed to heat, smoke, or soot.