



## THOUGHTS AFTER FIRESTORM 2007

### Have I been notified early about what can I do while waiting for further notification?

1. I can check my wood piles and cut limbs that might be too close to the house, rake leaves and debris as far away from structures as possible, get out the pool pump, adapter, check for gas in generator, clear areas in house next to the walls, take down drapes, close windows, vents and cover turbines that are in the roof, close roof vents or cover with pre-measured hardy board for specific vents, check garage door openers (can you open them if you have no electricity?), and check your converter switch if you will go to generator power (won't have a back feed of power to blow your circuits).
2. Gel your roof and eaves.
3. **FILL LARGE TRASH CANS WITH WATER AND SURROUND HOUSE AND STRUCTURES WITH THEM.**
4. Put 2 foot letters on roof of your address or GPS coordinates.
5. Contact the phone tree, your assigned buddy.
6. Check your wind direction: Do you have an evacuation plan if the fire is coming the the East, West, up slopes etc.
7. **MAKE INDEX CARDS FOR YOUR FRIDGE WITH CONTACTS OF FAMILY FRIENDS FIRE WATCHERS SO YOU CAN GRAB AND GO.**
8. **Go to the Red Cross site and make a copy of the TO Go List or use the one your fire safe council provides. Laminate and keep on the fridge. The more you see it, read parts of it, the more you will be relaxed when getting ready to evacuate.**

### WHAT ARE MY PLANS FOR THE ANIMALS?

#### CATS:

1. Cats need a carrier to keep them safe. You can tape information as how, what to feed, what medication is
2. needed, name of pet, and people that can care for the pet to their carrier this will help.
3. If you have no carrier for the cats, a pillowcase works wonders.
4. Dogs and cats need a water dish, water, food, and medication.

**You might want to chip your animals. Chips can now be universally read.**

#### HORSES:

1. Need name tags (key fobs) with name, phone numbers, address etc.
2. Get a list together of those who can trailer extra horses, keep names and numbers with your emergency information.
3. Put on fly masks is heavy soot and debris in air. Research has shown that if put on a wet bandana, you can burn their lungs because the hot air turns to steam
4. Put evacuation sheet of information sheet for horse rescue teams on barn door and corrals, keep an extra halter in sight.
5. Go to the Back Country Horsemen web site to get information and ideas.
6. Stack water buckets, food and meds for horses; put your name on everything so you will get it back.
7. Check the available centers to go for your and your animals: Granite Hills High School, Gillespie Field can take many not as congested as Lakeside and exit is faster. If we use the three sites, the traffic is more spread out.

### What should I have packed? I have some time and memories are fresh:

1. Basic Camping equipment i.e. camp stove, sleeping bags, battery lights, portable generator.
2. Extra clothes-layer them for change in weather conditions, baggies of toiletries.
3. **MEDICATIONS, TAX PAPERS, TITLES, ANIMALSINFO, OTHER IMPRORTANT INFO.**
4. Pack that extra water, extra batteries, battery operated radio, blankets
5. Make this as your to go bag- and keep close by.....