

## Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation

We've spent many newsletters describing how you can prepare your house (and our broader community landscape) for wildfire. But how can you prepare yourself personally, and your loved ones, for a wildfire emergency?

### 1. Sign up for Klickitat County emergency alerts.

Visit the county's [Smart911 page](#) to sign up to receive alerts and evacuation notices at whatever phone/email you prefer. *Note: These accounts can be deactivated with inactivity, so make sure to check that you're still signed up!*

### 2. Prepare a "go bag" with essential items for your family and pets.

Fill a bag/bin that you can grab in an emergency. Reference the list to the right or visit [ready.gov/kit](http://ready.gov/kit). Print a copy of the list and keep it with the bag so you know what else you need to pack just before leaving. Consider tagging important items in your home with a bright color so you can easily remember them in a high-stress emergency situation.

#### Emergency kit basics

- Water & food (3-day supply)
- Medications and medical items (7-day supply)
- Wallet, credit cards, cash, chargers
- Flashlight, radio, batteries
- Matches/lighter, multipurpose tool
- First aid kit, sanitation/hygiene items
- N95 masks
- Important personal documents
- Pet and baby supplies
- Extra car, house, and safe deposit keys
- Extra clothing (hat, gloves, rain gear, sturdy shoes)
- Forest Service and county maps, GPS

### 3. Familiarize yourself with evacuation options.

While we're probably all most familiar traveling down Hwy 141, it may not be the ideal evacuation route in all circumstances. Depending on fire location and direction of spread, it may make more sense to travel east on the Glenwood Hwy or even through the National Forest on the Carson-Guler Rd (NF-24 and NF-60), NF-88, or NF-23.

### 4. Know how to prepare your home before leaving.

Close doors, windows, chimney dampers, and vents. Move flammable patio furniture and doormats, pet beds, etc. inside. Shut off propane and natural gas. Leave lights on and gates unlocked. If time allows, remove debris from around your home, roof, and gutters.

#### More tools:

- A comprehensive checklist covering most of these preparedness guidelines can be found by [clicking here](#).
- Page 5 of the [Trout Lake Wildfire Mitigation Guide](#) has more information about emergency preparedness in Trout Lake.



**Reminder:** We're again offering free chipping services this spring!

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Learn & Burn Workshop

The Mt. Adams Prescribed Burn Association is hosting a free three day workshop all about prescribed fire, available to folks of all experience levels.

**When:** May 9-11, 2024

**Where:** Klickitat Community Center

**More info and registration:** [here](#)

## Contact Us

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Fire Adapted Community Trout Lake (FACT) is a community-led group dedicated to increasing awareness about wildfire risk in Trout Lake and facilitating the work necessary to mitigate that risk. Your FACT committee members are: Daina Bambe, Sharon Frazey, Bob Jolley, Lucas King, Jim White, Dennis Hill, Glenn Bredfeldt, Tom Reynolds, and Jim Lambert.