MODJESKA FIREFIGHTER'S
A RESIDENT’S GUIDE TO WILDLAND FIRE SAFETY
http://www.readysetgooc.org/

GOALS
A. AWARENESS OF RISK AND CURRENT CONDITIONS
B. SAFETY FOR LIFE AND THEN PROPERTY
C. AWARENESS OF HOW YOUR ACTIONS AFFECT THE RISK TO OTHERS
D. PLACES People Lookouts Awareness Communications Escape routes Safety zones

1. PREPARATION OF THE PROPERTY BEFORE THE EVENT OCCURS

RISK REDUCTION - RULE #1: DO NOT BE THE ONE WHO STARTS THE FIRE
A. CLEARANCE DEAD VEGITATION AND FIREWOOD PILES
B. CHIMNEY SPARK ARRESTERS: COLD NIGHTS, HOT DRY DAYS
C. MINIMUM CLEARANCES TO VEGETATION
D. REMOVE LUMBER AND DEBRIS PILES – CLEAN OUT WHERE THE LEAVES GATHER
E. CLEAN THE GUTTERS
F. “HARDENING’ YOUR HOME FOR WILDFIRE: http://firecenter.berkeley.edu/bwmg/

2. ANTICIPATE THE EVENT:
SET: READING THE CONDITIONS - WATCH FOR ALIGNMENT OF FACTORS: HIGH WIND AND LOW HUMIDITY
A. HAVE A PLAN: GO KIT, ITEMS OF VALUE, CONTACTS, FAMILY, DESTINATION, ROUTE
B. RECOGNITION OF “TIME TO GO”
   1. FIRE DOWN CANYON WHICH COULD BLOCK YOUR EXIT
   2. WIND DRIVEN ERRATIC FIRE IN THE AREA
B. ANTICIPATE: LEAVE TIME TO ALLOW ORDERLY EXIT

3. EVACUATION PROCEDURES
A. PRE-PLAN YOUR DEPARTURE- MAKE A LIST
B. LISTEN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OR LONG SIREN BLASTS, ANTICIPATE!
C. ORDERLY EXIT - ONE WAY OUT ON A ONE LANE ROAD - BE CALM (SEE RULE #2)
D. ANIMALS - STAGING FOR LARGE ANIMALS
E. KNOW SCHOOL POLICIES IN TIME OF FIRE

4. PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY BEFORE YOU GO
A. TURN OFF ALL APPLIANCES
B. CLOSE DOORS AND WINDOWS - LEAVE DOORS UNLOCKED
C. LEAVE A LIGHT ON
   A. CLOSE HEAVY BLINDS - REMOVE LIGHT CURTAINS
   B. PLACE LADDERS WHERE VISIBLE
   C. REMOVE DEBRIS AND PILES OF FUEL
   D. PLACE GARDEN HOSES
E. CLEAR DRIVEWAY AND GET ANY VEHICLES OFF OF THE ROAD

5. IF YOU CHOOSE TO STAY AND NOT EVACUATE
A. YOUR RESCUE MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE, OR YOU MAY CAUSE RISK TO OTHERS --- IT IS BEST TO LEAVE!!
B. PREPARE YOURSELF FOR HEAT, FLYING EMBERS, SMOKE PERSONAL PROTECTION
   1. LAYERS
   2. FOOT GEAR - HEAVY DUTY
   3. EYE PROTECTION, GOGGLES
   4. GLOVES
C. ACTIONS WHICH MAY HELP
   1. KNOCK DOWN OF SPOT FIRES
   2. OBSERVE ROOF, EAVES AND CORNER AREAS FOR SPOTS
   3. KEEP LADDERS READY - USE TWO LADDERS – 1 FOR ESCAPE
   4. MAKE FIREFIGHTERS AWARE OF YOUR LOCATION AND ACTIONS
C. TEMPORARY REFUGE INSIDE THE STRUCTURE IF OVER RUN
D. RULE #2: NEVER BLOCK THE ROAD!