



*Wildfires are unpredictable. Strong winds can change a fire's direction and strength in an instant, making it impossible for law enforcement to carry out evacuation orders or make door-to-door announcements.*



*GO EARLY! If your family is in danger from a wildfire, leave immediately. Early evacuation is the safest choice and gives your family the best chance of survival.*



Orange County  
Fire Authority

[www.ocfa.org/RSG](http://www.ocfa.org/RSG)

Whether you go early or leave during a mandatory evacuation, it's important to follow your Wildfire Action Plan.

- Make sure all family members are dressed in cotton or natural-fiber clothing
- Load your family, pets, Disaster Kit and Go! Bag into one car if possible
- Follow one of your pre-determined escape routes or evacuate as directed by law enforcement. The escape route should take you away from the fire, which is the same direction it's traveling
- Tune in to a local radio station and listen for instructions
- Drive with your headlights on for better visibility. Be aware of potential road hazards, including fire vehicles
- Don't attempt to pick up children from school or daycare. Teachers and staff members will respond according to the school's disaster plan
- Drive immediately to your family's meeting location. If you're separated from one or more family members, make contact according to your communication plan

Early evacuation is the safest choice during a wildfire, but it's only possible if you're prepared.

- If you don't have a Wildfire Action Plan, start one today. Make sure it includes at least two possible escape routes, a Family Communication Plan, and a Pet Disaster Plan
- Put together a Disaster Kit and Go! Bag
- Find out about the disaster plans at your workplace and your children's schools
- Keep the car fuel tank at least half-full at all times

For more information, please visit the OCFA website or call **(714) 573-6774** to schedule a Wildfire Home Assessment.

