

# It's Fire Season in Lake County! Are you Packed?



September 2015: the Valley Fire (left) destroyed 1,955 structures, including 1,322 homes, 27 apartment buildings and 73 businesses. In August 2016, the Clayton Fire burned a total of 3,929 acres and destroyed 300 buildings. *Photo courtesy of KQED website.*

## If a fire threatens Riviera West, are you packed and ready to evacuate?

### Let's Start Packing!

While we enjoy our summer season, the devastating fires of past years are never far from our thoughts. Riviera West property owners are working together with our Fire Prevention Committee volunteers to stay aware of threats and keep our properties clear. Let's keep up the good work!

In the meantime, it's important to be ready to evacuate if a fire heads in our direction. Are you packed and ready to leave your home on very short notice? Following are a few tips and links to help you pack and prepare:

- Family conference: spend some time now to identify your family's highest priority items – the list will be different for every household.
- Keep your car gassed up and your cell phone charged.
- Program emergency numbers into your phone (see links on page 2).
- Keep pet carriers and pet food ready to go during fire season.

Depending on the situation, you may only have time to evacuate your family members. Pack a "Go-Bag" in advance, which you can take with you if you have time to grab it and a way to carry it. Use a sturdy bag or bin for the most essential items:

- Important and irreplaceable documents (use large zip-loc bags to keep them safe and organized)
- Cell phones and chargers (and extra batteries if you have them)
- Bottled water and compact, high-energy snacks
- Food and water for pets if you're evacuating Mojo and Fluffy
- Cash, credit cards and extra checkbooks
- A notebook and some pens
- Medicines (and copies of your prescriptions)
- Eyeglasses (bring your extra pair)
- Personal hygiene and sanitation necessities

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Contact information (not a bad idea to print out your contact list)
- Laptop computer and power supply
- Change of clothing for everyone in the family
- Sturdy shoes
- Extra car keys
- Maps (paper maps will be helpful if coverage is interrupted)

Other items to pre-pack:

- Blanket and pillows if you have space for them in your vehicle
- Easily carried family keepsakes and valuables. Pack them in a separate bin that you can evacuate if there is time.
- Back-up drives and other important electronics

Online resources:

CalFire Emergency Supply Kit advice:

<http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Emergency-Supply-Kit/>

Evacuation Plans from the US Department of Homeland Security:

<https://www.ready.gov/evacuating-yourself-and-your-family>

Kelseyville Fire Protection District contact information:

<http://www.kelseyvillefire.com/contact/>

Lake County Sheriff's Office contact information:

<http://www.lakesheriff.com/Contact/contact.htm>

Lake County Office of Emergency Services:

<http://www.lakesheriff.com/Page10546.aspx>