

**City of Canby, Oregon**  
**Wildfire Evacuation Packing Recommendations**

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On Wednesday, September 9, 2020, Clackamas County declared a county-wide emergency which puts the whole county on some level of emergency. This emergency has been declared because of the large multiple wildfires (Beachie Creek and Riverside) east of Canby. On Thursday, September 10, 2020, Clackamas County announced because of the proximity and potential pathway of the fires, the City of Canby is now considered to be at level 2 evacuation status. A level 2 status calls for citizens to be prepared to evacuate in case the fire risk raises to level 3. This is done to make sure that people prepare themselves and have actual plans in place in case they are ordered to leave.

Residents that have more complicated situations, such as the management of livestock or those with special needs and/or care, a level 2 announcement allows more time to get into a position to mobilize earlier.

When a natural disaster gets close to your home and authorities recommend you evacuate, it's important that you leave immediately. Don't wait to be "ordered" to leave. Departing right away—before a mandatory evacuation is declared—can help you avoid being caught in a fire emergency. Such preparation would be helpful to the community by alleviating any mass exodus if conditions worsen by helping to lessen road congestion.

To do this, it is important that you have a plan in place and your evacuation kit ready to go. While not inclusive of all needed items, here are a few tips for packing an emergency supply kit:

**Before you evacuate and if Time Permits... (Not at level 3 evacuation status)**

- Identify a place to relocate and remain there until authorities determine it is safe to return.
- Remove any propane tanks away from your house
- Make your house number visible
- Create an easy path for emergency vehicles to get to your house. (Move extra vehicles, etc.)
- Fill all vehicles you plan to drive with fuel
- Have available extra sets of car keys

**Things to Pack – Pack your personal items in crates or bags you can easily carry. You'll store them in your car but the items may need to be accessible and easily moved to other locations.**

- N95 Mask or face covering
- Carry your ID, important papers, and cards. You'll want to bring your driver's license, passport, health insurance cards, medical records, legal documents (birth certificates, social security cards, will, vehicle registration and ownership papers, marriage/divorce papers, etc.), financial records, such as bank account information, credit and debit cards, government benefits, retirement and investment account statement, tax returns, personal papers, as well as copies of your insurance policies.
- Personal Valuable items – Photos (non-replaceable)
- Toiletries: Toothbrush/paste, shampoo, soap, hairbrush, feminine products, deodorant, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, wet wipes, paper towels, etc.
- Medications, eye care, eyeglasses/contact lenses and any medical assisted devices, walker, cane, hearing aids, batteries, etc.
- Water (1 gallon per person, per pet, per day, if possible) plus a container for collection. Include food, preferably a three-day supply per person per day of non-perishable food is a good start.
- Infant formula, diapers, clothing and infant related items
- Pets/pet food and bowls for water, pet medications and other needs
- Cash and Credit Cards (in case electrical power is out in the area and ATM's are not available)
- Laptops/disk drives (include charging cords and accessories)
- Cell phones and chargers (include charging cords and accessories)
- A few days' worth of clothes (extra socks, undergarments, hat, etc.)
- First aid kit/Disinfectant (60% alcohol)
- Map of the area
- Include a battery-powered radio, extra batteries, flashlight, duct tape, an assortment of tools
- Activities for children: paper, pens, pencils, games, etc.
- Secure/lock any valuables in a safe or remove any valuables to an alternate secure location for safekeeping if you don't take them with you.
- Other

**\*\*Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper** – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe, or bleaches with added cleaners.

**If you are NOT under an evacuation level 3**, we recommend you walk through the home and take pictures or videos of everything important that you're leaving behind. If possible take a 360-degree video of your home outside, including any landmarks. This will help to identify any damage your property might have endured and to identify your property after the wildfires are contained.

**Passwords:**

Also recommended, is a secure thumb drive for passwords and lists that may be located in the cloud. [LastPass](#) is another encrypted resource to secure your passwords online. LastPass also allows you to upload an app on your smart-phone so you can have your login information easily accessible. (There are many other available resources like this.)

**Inventory your items.** Go to [www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness](http://www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness) which will provide you with additional resources to help you inventory your items and help you prepare your finances.

**An additional resource:**

The following website is a good hub for wildfire resources/information. It can be accessed by going to the following link:

<https://wildfire.oregon.gov/>

Here is the link to the map that includes evacuation area zones in Clackamas County:

<https://ccgis-mapservice.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=fe0525732f1a4f679b75a5ccf1c84b30>

**Evacuation Notification:**

If the City of Canby is elevated to a level 3 evacuation status, Police Officers and First Responders will make the evacuation notifications wearing clearly identifiable uniforms and driving vehicles with operating red & blue emergency lights. Door-to-Door contacts and/or PA announcements will be performed. Additionally, notifications may be made with the assistance of the Clackamas County Dispatch Center (CCOM) using reverse 911 to call landline telephones. For those who use cell phones, public alert notifications will be made. Please register your cell phone to receive notifications with: <https://www.publicalerts.org/>

If you evacuate, do **NOT** turn on and leave your water sprinkler operating. This will reduce the available water supply for the fire department when actively fighting a fire.