

## WHAT TO DO BEFORE LEAVING – FIRE EVACUATION

- \_\_\_ Fill evacuation vehicle gas tank
- \_\_\_ **Park evacuation vehicle heading toward St. & travel route**
- \_\_\_ Close evacuation car windows but DO NOT LOCK CAR and leave keys in ignition
- \_\_\_ Close garage door but leave it unlocked (disconnect automatic garage door opener)
- \_\_\_ **Establish an evacuation plan, travel route, probable destination**
- \_\_\_ Determine where separated members will meet
- \_\_\_ Follow any official agency's evacuation instructions
- \_\_\_ Turn off natural gas at meter
- \_\_\_ Disconnect propane tank
- \_\_\_ Close or cover outside vents and shutters
- \_\_\_ **Remove combustible items from around the outside of the house**
- \_\_\_ Turn off appliances, thermostats, fireplaces, stoves
- \_\_\_ Leave one light on in each general area so firefighters can see your house in dark and smoke
- \_\_\_ Release any livestock in the area
- \_\_\_ Close fire resistant window coverings, heavy drapes, and Venetian blinds
- \_\_\_ Move overstuffed furniture away from windows
- \_\_\_ Close sliding glass doors into the center of the house (DON'T lock them)
- \_\_\_ **Remove lace, nylon, or light material drapes and curtains**
- \_\_\_ Place a ladder against the roof of the house on the side opposite the approaching fire
- \_\_\_ Fill bathtubs, sinks, and containers with water
- \_\_\_ Soak burlap sacks, small rugs, or large rags in containers
- \_\_\_ Turn on exterior lights
- \_\_\_ Lock doors and windows
- \_\_\_ If instructed, tie large white cloth to front door knob
- \_\_\_ Don't tie up telephone lines (notify friends and relatives by text or e-mail where to contact you)
- \_\_\_ Make safety equipment obvious for firefighters (spigots, ladders, chain saws, hoses, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Plug air vents and openings that are close to the ground
- \_\_\_ **Prepare an "information note"** to leave on the door detailing who you are, where you have gone, where flammables are (such as lawnmower gas, ammo, chemicals - move them all into one place)