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Prepare for Wildfires Now

Quick Guide for Real-Life Situations

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Preparedness isn't about being ready for everything. It's about being ready for the moments that matter most.

01 BEFORE A WILDFIRE

What to prepare ahead of time

- Create a simple evacuation plan (keep it flexible)
- Know at least 2 ways out of your area
- Turn on emergency alerts on your phone
- Prepare a small go-bag (focus on essentials)
- Back up important documents (cloud + phone access)
- Choose a meeting point with your family

02 REAL LIFE CHECK

In real life, things don't go as planned

- You may not be at home when it starts
- You may not have access to your documents
- You may not reach your family right away
- Your plan may not match the situation
- Information may change quickly or be unclear

Preparedness assumes access. Real life interrupts it.

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03 WHEN YOU GET A WARNING

- Stay as calm as possible
- Check official updates (avoid rumors)
- Pack essentials only:
- documents, medications, phone + charger, water
- Wear protective clothing
- Be ready to leave earlier than expected

04 IF YOU NEED TO EVACUATE

- Leave as soon as possible
- Follow official evacuation routes
- Take pets with you
- Tell someone where you're going
- Don't wait for perfect clarity

05 THE PART NO ONE TALKS ABOUT

You may have to:

- Leave things behind
- Make decisions without full information
- Choose between imperfect options
- Act before you feel ready

THE HUMAN PART

- You may feel guilt - no matter what you choose
- You may question your decisions later
- Even the right decision may not feel right

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