

Evacuation Alert

How to prepare your home

The FVRD has resources on what to put in your go-bag so you are ready to go in a rush. Fvrd.ca/em

There are also things you can do to prepare your house - even before you are on Alert.

FireSmart your house

FireSmart Canada has resources on their website on how to protect your home. It is worth spending some time watching their videos firesmartcanada.ca.

Here are a few tips extracted from their extensive information.



Yard

- Move firewood, debris, and construction material well away from the house (at least 10 metres).
- Evergreen trees (with cones) are the most flammable kind of tree. Trim it back to 10 metres or more from your home.
- Keep your lawn mowed to a maximum length of 10cm.
- Remove all dried leaves and pine needles.

House

- Make sure all vents have metal screens on them so fire embers can't get into your house.
- Remove leaves and pine needles from your gutters.
- Make sure your house number is visible.

Deck and porch

- If your deck or porch has slotted boards, there may be leaves and debris collecting underneath. Clear it all out.
- Remove propane tanks and combustible deck furniture indoors or far (10 metre) from the house if there is no indoor space to store the furniture.

When it is time to go

- Close the windows and doors (interior and exterior).
- Close the gate but leave it unlocked in case fire fighters need access.
- Leave the porch light on. Even if the power is out flip that switch in case it comes back on. The firefighters appreciate the visibility.