



DURING A FIRE

WHEN A FIRE IS BURNING IN YOUR AREA

A fire is burning in your area. Here is what you can do to better prepare and ensure the safety of people, pets and infrastructure:



Know where the fire is and whether your property is in danger so that you can evacuate before the fire is on top of you. Keep an eye on social media and the news so that you remain aware of any potential evacuations in your area.



Block your downpipes and fill your gutters with water.



Prepare a pet go bag (medication, leashes, a few days food, bowls, cat carrier for cats).



Remove flammable material from outside your home.



Keep your pets inside when the fire is a distance away so that you can get hold of them quickly should you need to evacuate.



Keep all doors and windows shut.



As the fire gets closer, load your go bags and park your vehicle facing the exit so you don't waste time trying to reverse or turn while fire vehicles are trying to access your property. This is especially important at night.



Prepare an evacuation go bag (medication, drivers licence, identity document, passport, title deeds, cell phone).



Have your garden hose rolled up and ready for use. In case there is a fire, you can wet your perimeter.



Video or photograph your home contents and have it ready for claims.



Keep copies of important documents digitally and in a secondary safe location.