

The Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council's mission is: to preserve our canyon's natural and man-made resources on public and private property by development and enforcement of ecologically sound and appropriate fire safety measures.

(L) Shealah Craighead (The White House) and
(R) The National Guard



Houses burned to the ground in the Camp Fire and a National Guardsman stands next to a burned out car and school bus.

Is Your Home a Threat to the Neighborhood?

The Camp Fire that destroyed the town of Paradise moved so quickly that firefighters initially could only help residents evacuate. That fire started November 8, 2018 and within six hours destroyed most of the town of Paradise, killed 85 people, and burned down 18,804 structures in Butte County. Because of that speed, houses were on their own. In the aftermath, fire scientists studied why some houses survived and others did not.

It was not as random as it seems. The most important factor in home survivability was proximity to the nearest destroyed structure. Once one house in a neighborhood catches fire, embers and radiant heat cause nearby homes to catch fire too. Distance to destroyed homes matters. This speaks to the fact that, as a canyon community, we are all in this together. How well you protect your home will impact the survivability of your neighbors' home.

Other factors that led to home survival in the Camp Fire were the proximity to overhanging trees, shrubs, and leaf litter on the ground, in gutters, and on the roof. Our area has many oak, ash, and pine trees, all of which produce leaf litter. We need to be especially conscious of the fact that this material is fuel and catches fire. Are you giving embers a place to land and ignite into something bigger?

Finally, the study showed that the newer the home, especially those built after 1996, the better they

performed due to updated building codes requiring double pane windows, screened attic vents, and composite roofing. If you have a home built before 1996, have these upgrades been done?

Like Paradise, we have limited vehicle access, and this makes it even more challenging in a wildfire emergency when fire and police vehicles must get into the canyon even as residents must get out.

Our fire agencies and the Fire Safe Council work hard to promote creating defensible space around our homes to give them a chance to actually defend your home and to slow the spread of flames. When fire agencies and National Weather Service issue a red flag alert in our area, that is a warning to make sure your home is ready to withstand a wildfire.

GREAT INFORMATION

- The Fire Safe Council website has a lot of helpful tips and links. Visit: www.CarbonCanyonFSC.org
- Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.Facebook.com/UniteCanyon>
- Prepare your family and home ahead of time. Visit: ReadyForWildfire.org

EVACUATION CHECKLIST

There will be fierce winds, high heat, and a severe fire threat this fall. Now is the time to get ready for that inevitability. Below is a useful list of suggested actions from experienced evacuees.

PRE-PLANNING

- Sign up for emergency notifications:
 - Orange County residents: www.AlertOC.com
 - San Bernardino County residents: www.SBCounty.gov/SBCFire/TENS/TENSContact.aspx
- Clear plant debris off your roof and remove branches overhanging your roof and/or eaves.
- Remove any piles of wood, boxes or high-growing vegetation next to your house and under your windows.
- Have necessary equipment or carriers to evacuate your pets.
- Make a visual or written record of your household possessions.
- Go room to room NOW, making a list of what to take—we don't think clearly in a crisis and time crunch:
 - Important papers including insurance documents, deeds, and estate plans
 - Family heirlooms
 - Cell phone, the charger, and/or address book
 - Jewelry
 - Photos and videos
 - Computer hard drive (components such as monitors are easily replaced)
 - Pet(s) - medications/leashes/carriers
 - Comfort items for children (blanket, pillow, stuffed animal, etc.)
 - Personal items to get you through the first few days (medication, eyeglasses)

PREPARING TO EVACUATE

- Secure house pets in a bathroom as the smoke and noises may cause them to hide.
- Park your cars in the garage facing out.
- Place valuables in the car for quick departure if necessary.
- Shut off the air conditioner and/or heater and close all windows and doors. This prevents embers from being sucked inside.
- Shut off natural gas valves.
- Move propane tanks and combustible yard furniture away from the house or put it in a swimming pool.
- Turn on a light in each room, on the porch, and in the yard. This makes the house more visible in heavy smoke or darkness.
- Close all doors inside the house. This slows the spread of fire from room to room if your house does catch fire.
- If you have firefighting foam, apply it or put it out for the firefighters to apply. Attach garden hoses to spigots and place them so they can reach any area of your house.
- Move furniture away from windows and open all curtains and drapes.
- Place a ladder against the house on the side opposite the approaching fire.
- If you have an emergency generator or a portable gasoline-powered pump that will supply water from a swimming pool, clearly mark its location, and make sure it is ready to operate.
- If you have a pool, consider placing items that can withstand the water (like putting your silver and crystal in baskets and lowering it into the pool). This saves space in your car for other important valuables.

EVACUATING

- Close your garage door, but leave it unlocked. Disconnect the automatic garage door opener in case of power failure.
- Close all doors and outside gates, but leave them unlocked.
- Don't leave sprinklers or water running. This could affect water pressure of fire hydrants.
- Follow your pre-planned evacuation route and follow instructions of officials.



Fuel Reduction Program

**Brush drop off and green waste dumpster
available to Carbon Canyon residents**

**Date: Saturday
September 24th
8 AM - 1 PM**

**Next to Fire Station 64 at
16231 Canon Ln. in Chino Hills**



**Contents must be bundled and please
be prepared to unload your own brush**

Volunteers will be available on-site for those with special needs

FREE TO RESIDENTS ONLY

Please bring ID, Utility Bill or Canyon Resident Pass

BE PREPARED! AVOID FINES!



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Quick Tips

- Remove dead and flammable vegetation a minimum of 100 feet from all structures.
- Keep gutters clean and remove leaf litter from your roof and from the ground.
- Install fire safe vents or vent screens to prevent ember intrusion into the attic. Once embers are in your attic, your house is a goner.
- Be ready to go! When a wildfire strikes, leave early. Firefighters can't protect your home if they are instead spending time on resident evacuation.
- Don't wait until the road is clogged and the fire either catches up to you in your car or jumps ahead of you.

View the newsletter on the Fire Safe Council's website. (Use your phone's camera to scan this image.)



Contact Information for Road Problems

- Caltrans District 12 Orange County: 949-936-3600
- Caltrans District 8 San Bernardino: Report issues at <https://csr.dot.ca.gov>

Halloween Fun: Saturday, October 30th 5-7 PM



1800 Carbon Canyon Rd., Chino Hills

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<https://www.Facebook.com/UniteCanyon/>

Quick Reference Guide

All Wildlife Rescue Line	562-434-0141
Brea's Carbon Canyon Road Hotline	714-990-7732
Brea Fire Department	714-990-7655
California Poison Control System	800-222-1222
Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council	909-315-8832
Chino Hills' Road Condition Hotline	909-364-2828
Chino Valley Fire District	909-902-5280
City of Chino Hills	909-364-2600
City of Brea	714-990-7600
National Pesticide Info Center	800-858-7378