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*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.*

Burning Questions



We would like to hear from you! We want to answer your burning questions about fire safety. Please post your burning question on our Facebook page:
<http://www.Facebook.com/UniteCanyon>

Carbon Monoxide Awareness

February was Chino Vally Fire Departments Carbon Monoxide awareness month.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) cannot be seen or smelled, putting people at risk for CO poisoning. Every home should have Carbon Monoxide Alarms on each level of the home and outside of all sleeping areas.

Evacuation Guides

The Fire Safe Council distributed Evacuation Guides to each resident in the canyon. Store them where you like: in the house, in the car, etc. You can download more copies CarbonCanyonFSC.org, but study the map, so you know where to go if the next fire doesn't give you much time to evacuate.



Meetings Continue Online

Fire Safe Council meetings continue in the convenience of your own home during COVID-19 on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Email A0tt@ChoFire.org to be added to the notification list.

Like Us on Facebook



The Council's effectiveness depends on community support. You can help us build that by liking our Facebook page. And, once you've liked it, invite your friends to like it too!

<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-Fullerton 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



A firefighter (center) attempts to fight the flames.

Wildfire is Coming... Are You Ready?

With climate change, most of the year we now have the threat of wildfires. Are you ready?

As catastrophic wildfires continue to increase each year in California, make sure to protect yourself and your family—plan, prepare, and stay aware.

Property owners and residents in areas most at risk are encouraged to take the steps in the CAL FIRE "Ready, Set, Go!" program to be ready for wildfire.

Learn more on CAL FIRE website:

readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/ready-set-go/

- **Be Ready:** Create and maintain defensible space and harden your home against flying embers.
- **Get Set:** Prepare your family and home ahead of time for the possibility of having to evacuate. Ensure you have a plan of what to take and where to go. Ask friends or relatives outside your area if you would be able to stay with them, should the need arise.

• **Be Ready to Go!:** When wildfire strikes, go early for your safety. Take the evacuation steps necessary to give your family and home the best chance of surviving a wildfire.

Ready, set, go.

1. What is the best way to fortify your property?
2. Where will your family go if evacuated?

Fire Spread on Ember-Ignited Decks

Wildfires that generate windblown embers are the single biggest hazard wildfires pose to homes. Homeowners should never overlook the potential risk that an attached deck can create. Recent testing by the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) offers important findings to minimize risk to decks from windblown embers.

An ember ignited deck can result in the ignition of combustible siding or breakage of sliding glass doors. To minimize the possibility of deck ignitions, reduce fuels in the home ignition zones by carefully selecting and positioning vegetation and implementing regular maintenance. Pay particular attention to the area under the footprint of the deck, where storage of combustible materials should be avoided (such as patio umbrellas, cushions, chairs, etc.).

Although there are noncombustible deck board and decking options, many of the commercially available deck board products are combustible. IBHS research on the deck materials is available at: <https://ibhs.org/wildfire/ignition-potential-of-decks-subjected-to-an-ember-exposure/>

Deck construction recommendations:

1. Increase deck board gaps from 1/8" to 1/4"
2. Increase joint spacing from 16" to 24"

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 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: TBD
(Watch for Signs)
8 AM - 1 PM**

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



CUT THIS OUT AND USE IT!

**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!



Donations Accepted
Federal Tax ID # 91-2166978

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www.CarbonCanyonFSC.org
or call 909-315-8832