



# NEWSLETTER

## Fire Safety Edition



### KNOW YOUR 6 P'S

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Saturday June 2nd started out like any other beautiful sunny day in Aliso Viejo. Then a little after 1 pm we smelled smoke. There was a fire in our canyon. It was our first time experiencing something like this. We watched and waited as the planes and helicopters dropped water and fire retardant from above. It was all very exciting and scary at the same time. We began to think of what we need to gather if we are to be evacuated. We've had a plan in place for years. We were ready. Then we started to get calls from

neighbors that were either gone for the day or out of town for the weekend. What we realized was, it's not just our family we have to worry about, but our friends and neighbors as well. How can we help them? What irreplaceable items do they need us to take from their homes? Thankfully, the fire was extinguished by early evening. Our homes are now safe, but many of us still need a plan. Share that plan with your close friends and neighbors. As a community we can help each other the next time we are in need.

### PET EVACUATION PLAN

#### In the event of an emergency:

- Keep a 'Pet Alert' sticker on your front window so emergency crews know there are pets inside.
- If possible keep your pets on the main level of your home while you are gone. It makes it easier for them to escape or be rescued.



- If you are not home, plan for a friend or close neighbor to evacuate your pets for you. Make sure they are familiar with your home and possible hiding places your pets may have.
- Prepare a 'Pet Evacuation Kit' including extra collar, leash, tags, bag of food, water bottle, waste bags, blanket, and copies of your pet's vet records.



PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR A FIRE

In the event of an emergency evacuation, there are several ways we can prepare our homes to keep them as safe as possible after we leave.

INSIDE

- Shut all windows and doors
- Turn off gas and pilot light
- Leave a light on
- Turn off air conditioning

OUTSIDE

- Gather all flammable materials from the back and side yards and bring them inside (furniture cushions, door mats, toys)
- Turn off all propane tanks
- Make sure your hose is

connected and accessible, and sprinklers are off

- Put **6 P's** and emergency supply kits in your car
- Check on your neighbors. Make sure they are prepared to leave.

ANIMALS

- Locate your pets and keep them nearby
- Pack your 'Pet Evacuation Kit'

Sign up on **AlertOC**, a mass communication system designed to keep residents informed during an emergency.

We hope this list is helpful in preparing you, your home and your family the next time a fire may break out.



**For CA SUMMIT information, contacts, home improvement forms and more check out our website at:**  
[myhoa.com/californiasummit](http://myhoa.com/californiasummit)

KNOW YOUR 6 P'S

PEOPLE

Have a plan. Where will you meet your family. Where will you stay?

PETS

Know where you store your pet carriers for your smaller animals. Grab your dog's leash. Where can your pets stay?

PAPERS

Keep all irreplaceable documents in one location so they can be grabbed in a moment's notice.



PRESCRIPTIONS

This includes eyeglasses, and vitamins. You may be gone for a few days.

PICTURES

Take any irreplaceable memorabilia. These are priceless and could be lost forever.

PERSONAL COMPUTERS

This also includes external hard drives, back-ups and chargers.

WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP YOU!

Please let us know if you need a little extra assistance. If you'd like help with planting some new summer flowers, or even light clean up or weeding in your front yard, the ARC Committee is here for you. Simply send an email to [casummitarc@yahoo.com](mailto:casummitarc@yahoo.com), or contact Jerri Boone at Total Property Management 949.261.8282 to get in touch with us. We'll set up a day and time to come out to your home and lend a helping hand.