# Emergency Packing Ideas and Evacuation Tips

The situation may be different if you're facing a fire, flood, or serious storm, but here are some common elements:

- Don't count on emergency broadcasts, instead note the checklist (right) to see if you are in imminent danger.
- Turn on your sprinklers if you're evacuating a fire. It can help save shrubs and also any collectibles fire fighters may be able to salvage.
- Grab mementos, photos, and records if time permits.
   Watch this YouTube about what to take:
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHh0xhkV-C8
- Give yourself some space. Try to stay about an hour away from a large event so you have fresh air and can regroup when you're not on site.
- Ask for an evacuee rate at hotels. Sometimes
  management will temporarily give a 50 percent or
  more discount during an emergency to victims.
- Create a central contact outside the area. Ask a
  friend or family member to be your point person so
  concerned friends, co-workers, school associates
  and more can know you are safe and how to help.



#### **Emergency Situation**

In an emergency, consider life-changing factors:

- Listen to authorities. It's critical to leave when they tell you to.
- Don't count on notification systems. Your eyes are the best judge. Look out your windows, walk or drive the perimeter, taking the winds into account. Our fire moved 25 miles in a few hours overnight.
- Do NOT count on the media to be accurate in a widespread event. They may be hours behind.
- DO watch Twitter as regular people post current, in-themoment road closures and happenings.



## Single Point of Contact

When evacuating, appoint a close friend or family member as your communications captain. In the coming days and weeks, you will need every ounce of energy and determination to find the path forward for you and your loved ones. There's just no extra energy to keep repeating your story over and again to friends, media, and even those with good wishes or just curious onlookers that want to know the details. Protect yourselves and save that energy. This is one of the best tips in

 $\hbox{\hbox{$\mbox{$C$}}{onnect: ElizabethVanTassel.$com $\bullet$ Twitter @ElizVanTassel $\bullet$ Facebook/ElizabethVanTassel $\bullet$ Instagram/ElizabethVanTassel.}$ 

### Who is Elizabeth Van Tassel, Resilience Expert?

As a gemologist and wildfire survivor, Elizabeth Van Tassel really has lived with diamonds, losing everything, and persevering through seasons of miracles and great loss. Determined to thrive, rather than just get by after adversity hit, her creative eye and stories of survival help others rise

above circumstances with practical, time-saving, fun-infused lifestyle tips for families, single-parents, kids, and adults. After being evacuated three times, and losing everything once, she still lives in southern California with her husband and sons, her most precious things in life.

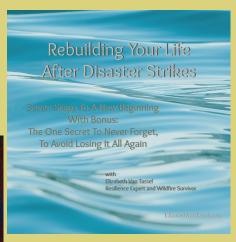
"Burned to the ground ... everything is gone ..." Devastating words
Author/Speaker Elizabeth Van Tassel never dreamed she would hear.
The gemologist's bejeweled life had swiftly been brought to char and ash by the catastrophic southern California 2007 wildfires. Would she rise again or drift like the cinders of her life in the Santa Ana winds?



#### Flizabeth's Products For Resilience







The Bridge, Recovery Guide

The Resilient Authors Charity Project

Rebuilding Your Life Videos



Elizabeth's products help others shorten their paths through new beginnings and keep a resilient outlook. Her resources have been seen on television. And her fantasy writing, on the way soon, is receiving attention for its wit and humor with reaching today's teens and tweens.





A Resilient

Connect: ElizabethVanTassel.com • Twitter @ElizVanTassel • Facebook/ElizabethVanTassel • Instagram/ElizabethVanTassel