**Before a Wildfire or Poor Air Quality Event**

**Preparation Checklist:**

1. **Stay Informed:**
	* Sign up for local emergency alerts.
	* Monitor weather reports and air quality indexes (AQI) using apps like AirNow and AQICN.
2. **Home Preparedness:**
	* Install smoke detectors on every level of your home.
	* Ensure all windows and doors are properly sealed.
	* Use weather stripping or caulking to close gaps.
	* Keep an air purifier with a HEPA filter in your home.
3. **Emergency Kit (Go Bag):**
	* Pack an emergency kit including:
		+ N95 masks
		+ Medications (2-week supply)
		+ First aid kit
		+ Bottled water (1 gallon per person per day for at least 3 days)
		+ Non-perishable food
		+ Flashlight and batteries
		+ Battery-powered radio
		+ Important documents (identification, insurance, medical records)
		+ Cell phone chargers
		+ Personal hygiene items



1. **Evacuation Plan:**
	* Create and practice a family evacuation plan.
	* Know multiple routes out of your neighborhood.
	* Identify a meeting point for your family.
2. **Vehicle Preparedness:**
	* Keep your car’s gas tank at least half full.
	* Have an emergency kit in your car.
	* Keep a map of the area and evacuation routes.