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Wildfire Approaching: To Evacuate or Not?

This message is to urge you to make up your mind now. I know, "There's no threat now. I'll put that decision off until later." At a community meeting shortly following the Cedar Fire I heard a resident say, "That was a once in a lifetime event. It'll not happen again!" Well, it did. Four years later another out-of-control wildfire struck San Diego and a midnight wind shift spared Scripps Ranch. If you decide to comply when an evacuation warning comes, the important thing is to go quickly before the streets become a giant parking lot and the four exits out of Scripps Ranch become plugged with cars, trucks, and very frustrated people.

What to take: important documents; a three-day overnight bag; medicine; and, cash. With preplanning these things can be grabbed quickly and you can go. Destination? How to get there? Family plan? Do all this ahead of time to get it right.

If you've removed the wildfire fuel from your yard and nearby spaces, your home is safer. Remember to close windows and the garage door on the way out.

The SRFSC's 5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament is on Saturday, Oct. 22, at The Vineyard. Teams are forming now. Build a foursome and join us for a fun day on a beautiful course. Call Karen at 578-0404, ext 7.

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