

# Wildland Fire Mutual Aid—Packing List

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There is little time to pack when assigned to a mutual aid strike team, so it is advisable to collect these items ahead of time and keep them ready to go. You will need to be prepared to stay out on assignment for three days, so pack your clothes and personal items accordingly.

Make sure that the following items are loaded on the engine from the Fire Hall:  
Wildland nomex, helmet and web gear for each person  
Food and supplies  
Water/drinks in the ice chest

Take your turnouts as structure protection is a common assignment.

You **MUST** have leather gloves and boots.

The following items will prove useful:

Lighter weight leather gloves (lighter than structure gloves)  
Ferndale Fire Dept. T-shirts  
Glasses/sunglasses  
Hat  
Sweatshirt  
Insect repellent  
Eye drops  
Ear plugs  
Sunscreen  
Towel  
Sleeping bag  
Flashlight and batteries  
Cell phone with 12V charger  
List of phone numbers  
Camera  
Paper and pens  
Travel mug  
Zip lock and trash bags

You may have “off time” in hot weather, so consider taking:  
Shorts and tennis shoes, etc.  
A folding chair  
A book/magazine/game