Pump-readiness checklist

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Check your pump kit before fire season and after each practice. This list covers the equipment only: the pump, fuel, oil, hoses, nozzle, sprinklers, gel and the water source. It is free. No email needed. Keep this sheet with the kit.

1. Start check

- [ ] Read the start and priming steps in the FireBoss manual (or your pump maker's manual).
- [ ] Prime and start the pump only as the manual says. Do not run it dry unless the manual says you can.
- [ ] Run it outdoors only, as the manual's exhaust and fuel instructions say.
- [ ] Pull start works. Note anything odd and check the manual before the next start.

2. Fuel and oil

- [ ] Fresh fuel, as the maker's manual says.
- [ ] Fuel stored in an approved container, per the maker's manual and local rules.
- [ ] Oil level checked before the start, as the manual says.

3. Suction hose and strainer

- [ ] Suction hose has no cracks, cuts or flat spots.
- [ ] Strainer on the suction end is present and clear, if your kit has one.
- [ ] Gaskets and couplings in place and tight by hand.

4. Discharge hose and nozzle

- [ ] Discharge hose has no cuts, bulges or hard kinks.
- [ ] Threads on hose, pump and nozzle are clean and not damaged.
- [ ] Nozzle opens and closes by hand.

5. Sprinklers and fittings

- [ ] Every sprinkler, adapter and fitting that came with your kit is present.
- [ ] All small parts kept together in one bin with the kit.

6. Gel (if you have it)

- [ ] Barricade date checked on the product label.
- [ ] Stored and mixed only as the Barricade label says.

7. Water source

- [ ] Pool water level noted today.
- [ ] Clear path from where the pump sits to the pool edge.
- [ ] Nothing blocks the gate or the route to the pump.

8. Storage and people

- [ ] Kit stored in one known place: _____
- [ ] Manual kept with the kit.
- [ ] People who know how to start it: _____

9. Practice log

Date	Who	Notes

> Defensible space and home hardening come first. Use CAL FIRE's own guidance for those, not this list. CAL FIRE: fire.ca.gov/home-hardening
>
> Redgate does not provide firefighting direction, onsite training or a reason to remain during evacuation.
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> **Evacuate early when told. Follow official instructions.**

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