



Wildfire Evacuation Checklist

If evacuation is anticipated and time allows, follow this checklist to give your family and home the best chance for survival. Complete the **Fire Emergency Communications Plan** on the opposite side for each family member and keep it in your wildfire and **emergency “go” kit(s)**.

Look for specific fire information at links shown on reverse page.

Evacuation Warning

Evacuate only when instructed to do so by authorities but use the time to prepare your home and create “go” kit(s).

If Time Allows

Inside the house

- Shut all windows and doors (interior also) and leave them locked.
- Leave indoor and outdoor lights on.
- Shut off HVAC and ceiling fans.

Outside

- Place combustible outdoor items in garage or in sheltered area under home (or in pool).
- Shut off gas at meter or propane tank (if you know how). Move small propane tanks in garage 15 ft from combustibles.
- Pack your car and prepare to leave.
- Connect garden hoses to spigots with squeeze grip nozzles for firefighters.
- Prop open fence and side gates.
- Patrol your property. Leave if you spot fires ignite or conditions change.

Pets and Animals

- Gather and **place in carriers** NOW. Be sure they have tags and registered with microchips.
- Place carriers at front door with water and food.

Communications¹

- Keep your cell phone fully charged.
- Notify out of area contact of your phone number, location and status. Update regularly.
- Leave a note with your contact info and out of area contact taped to fridge.
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On your person

- Dress family members in long sleeves, long pants heavy cotton or wool.
- Wear full coverage goggles, leather gloves, head protection.
- Cover faces with dry cotton or wool bandana or scarf over N95 mask.
- Carry headlamp and flashlight.
- Carry car keys, wallet, ID, cell phone, spare battery. Drink plenty of water; stay hydrated.
- Put “go” kits in your vehicle.

Evacuation Order

When authorities give the order, leave now! Evacuate immediately. Do not delay to gather valuables or prepare your home. Follow given directions or, if none: Upper Branch Divisions and middle B Divisions exit upper Tierra Grande through Vermeil property gate (gate will be open). Middle A Divisions and Lower Branch Divisions exit to Carmel Valley Road.

When you leave

- Leave immediately if ordered.
- Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel un-safe or conditions change: leave early if unsure.
- Assist elderly or disabled neighbors [PLAN AHEAD].
- Carpool with neighbors to reduce traffic.
- Take only essential vehicles with adequate fuel.
- When in car, turn on headlights, close windows, turn on inside air and AC, local radio.
- Drive slowly, defensively; observe. **DO NOT STOP**
- Take your Branch evacuation route unless informed otherwise (see Evacuation Order).
- If you are trapped, take shelter in a building or car or fire protected open space.
- Don't abandon your car in the road. If you must leave it park off the road.
- Evacuate on foot only as a last resort.
- Do not evacuate by fire road, uphill, or open space area with unburned vegetation.
- **Do not panic!** Panic is deadly.
Remain calm.

If you need to shelter in place

Stay in your current location or the safest nearby building or unburnable area. This may be required when evacuation is impossible or too dangerous or unnecessary.

¹ Provide your cell phone number, if not already provided, to your Captains no later than 15 May 2022.

Links

CAL FIRE Incident Page:

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/>

-click red flame on map that is within Monterey County; this will display the name of the fire.

-click View Details

Incident Media and Public

Information Line 925-532-5455 or 2-1-1. (May be difficult to connect and receive information.)

Alert Monterey County Current Notifications Page. (Also, sign-up here for the Alert Monterey County messages)

<https://member.everbridge.net/453003085611217/notif>

Monterey County Sheriff Twitter Account - Status of Evacuation Orders (visible without Twitter app.)

www.twitter.com/mcosheriff

Monterey County Office of Emergency Services

All services related to the fire emergency (visible without Twitter app.)

<https://twitter.com/MontereyCoOES>

Or text

MCFIRES2020

to the number 888777 to receive daily fire updates.

American Red Cross 24-Hour Disaster Dispatch Helpline

1-866-272-2237

Radio stations

KAZU 90.3 FM

KCBS 740 AM

KGO 810 AM

School, Childcare, Caregiver, Work

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

web: _____

Emergency plan pickup

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

web: _____

Emergency plan pickup

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

web: _____

Emergency plan pickup

Local Contacts

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Medical

Physician: _____

Pediatrician: _____

Veterinarian: _____

EMERGENCY "GO" KIT

Put together an emergency supply kit in advance for each family member and keep it accessible. Plan to be away for an extended period. Place them in backpacks.

- Bandana, N95 mask, goggles, leather gloves, long shirt and pants, boots, hat. Flashlight and headlamp with spare batteries. Extra car keys, credit cards, cash.
- Map with evacuation routes (see RTG map)
- Prescription medications.
- Extra eyeglasses, contacts.
- First aid kit.
- Battery powered radio and extra batteries.
- Copies of important docs, e.g. passports, birth certificates, insurance policies.
- Pet food and water, leashes, pet supplies and meds.
- Pet carriers.
- Water bottles, food.
- Sanitation supplies.
- Change of clothing.
- Spare chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.

- Easily carried valuables
- Family photos, small heirlooms, other (?)
- Personal computer data and digital information backups on hard drives and/or discs.