

EVACUATION ORDERS

Time to Go!

- Stay calm and stay together!
- Wear protective clothing including N95 mask, goggles, gloves, sturdy shoes, headlamp and/or wool cap, bandana, and whistle. Tie back long hair.
- Secure pets and livestock into transports / carriers.
- Load GO BAGS** into vehicle(s). *See list on reverse side*
- Load optional **Evacuation Tools** into vehicle (chain saw, pry bar, bolt cutter, tow strap).
- Load extra water into vehicle.
- Turn on interior and exterior house lights.
- Close doors, windows, and skylights, including garage doors, as you leave.
- Post Resident Information** panel in front window.
- Do not lock doors, firefighters may need shelter from flame front
- Confirm meeting place and out-of-state contact with everyone evacuating from your household.
- Choose safest route away from fire.
- Confirm escape route (if evacuating more than 1 vehicle)
- Test walkie-talkies (if evacuating more than 1 vehicle)
- Load family and pets into vehicles.
- Do final head count**—family and pets
- Tune vehicle radio to local emergency station for evacuation and route information
- Turn headlights on; turn on car AC; set to recirculate.
- Get Out**—the sooner the better!
- Drive slowly and defensively, be observant. Stay on paved roads, proceed downhill, away from fire if possible.
- Do Not Block Roads.** If you must stop, pull to roadside so that emergency vehicles and responders, and other evacuees, can pass.

Practice and time evacuation procedures.
Then you can perform quickly when needed.

If Trapped at Home –Shelter in Place

- Stay calm and stay together!
- Stay inside – it can be much hotter outside.
- Collect fire extinguishers.
- Place wet towels across door bases.
- Keep away from outside walls and windows.
- Move to part of house farthest from approaching fire.
- Wear personal protective gear: N95 mask, goggles, wool cap, jacket or blanket.
- Stay low to keep cool and avoid smoke inhalation.
- Test door surface with back of hand before opening.
- Shelter in place until fire has passed or forced to leave.
- After fire has passed, avoid damaged trees and power lines.
- After fire has passed, check roof and attic for embers.
- Put out any spot fires.

If Trapped in Vehicle

- Stay calm and stay together!
- Turn on headlights and keep them on if you are inside.
- Keep windows closed, turn on AC with outside vents closed.
- Stop if you cannot see.** Park vehicle off the road, if possible, in open area clear of vegetation.
- Do Not Block Roads.** Emergency vehicles must be able to reach you and others in distress.
- Stay inside vehicle – it can be much hotter outside.
- Wear personal protective gear: N95 mask, goggles, wool hat, gloves, etc.
- Lie on floor covered with wool jacket or blanket.
- Remain in vehicle until fire has passed.
- Evacuate on foot only as a last resort.**

If Trapped on Foot

- Stay calm and stay together!
- Wear personal protective gear: N95 Mask, goggles, wool cap, wool jacket or blanket.
- Shelter in building, or behind protective barrier.
- Find level ground clear of vegetation –a ditch is best.



The Mission of South Skyline FireSafe Council (SSFSC) is to provide education and outreach programs for fire prevention and preparedness to all South Skyline residents. SSFSC was formed in 2009 as a CA non-profit 501 (c)3 Corp. Donations are fully tax deductible. Email: SSFSC.outreach@gmail.com

Cut at Fold. Fill Out Panel. Post in Front Window or on Door

RESIDENT INFORMATION

THIS HOUSEHOLD HAS EVACUATED

Residence address: _____

Primary contact: _____

Phone 1: _____; Phone 2 _____

Primary email _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESIDENTS ON PROPERTY: _____

Number of residents who evacuated _____

Date: _____ Time _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Number of residents who stayed _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Pets evacuated: _____

Pets/livestock left behind: _____

INTENDED EVACUATION DESTINATION

Name: _____

Location: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Propane/gas shutoff location: _____

Power/generator shutoff location: _____

Water access: _____

Other : _____

PREPARED,
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WILDFIRE PREPARATION WORKSHEET AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION GUIDE

A Step-by-Step Guide
to Preparing and Protecting
Your Family, Pets and Property
from the Threat of Wildfire



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ADVANCED PREPARATIONS

Actions YOU Can Take Now

Follow This Worksheet To Help You Prepare for Wildfires

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts

- CodeRed Alerts for Santa Cruz County at www.scr911.org; AlertSCC in Santa Clara County at <https://emergencymanagement.sccgov.org/AlertSCC>; and SMC Alert in San Mateo County at hsd.smcsheriff.com/smcalert.
- PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs at 1-866-743-6589, pge.com/mywildfirealerts.

Stay Informed & Ready to Act

- Follow **Facebook** and local **Social Media** sites where fire & emergency agencies post incident and evacuation information. **PulsePoint** mobile app tracks feeds from Cal Fire's San Mateo-Santa Cruz County-Unit (CZU), Santa Clara County Fire Dept.(SCCFD), and other fire depts. Twitter: @CAL_FIRE, @CALFIRECZU, @FireDispatchSC. Facebook: CALFIRE
- Sign up for Red Cross emergency warnings of severe conditions and Safe and Well program at redcross.com
- Keep vehicle gas tanks a minimum of half full.
- Fill out Resident Information panel (see reverse side)
- Set aside cash in small bills.
- Arrange out-of-state contact. Give them your list of contacts; tell family and friends whom to contact for updates.
- Plan evacuation(s) routes—practice them with your family.
- Make copies or scan important documents to portable drive or the Cloud (passports, birth certificates, insurance policies, titles, deeds, wills, etc.) Store in GO BAG.
- Create video inventory of home & important possessions.
- Review home insurance policy regularly with your agent.
- Check flashlights, head lamps, and walkie-talkies quarterly; keep extra fresh batteries on hand.
- Purchase rechargeable ABC fire extinguishers; learn to use.
- Know how to shut off utilities, especially propane.
- Assemble portable emergency first aid kit.
- Collar, tag, and chip pets. Include pet photos in GO BAG.
- Learn how to manually open and close your garage door.
- Pack GO BAGS for every household member & pets.

PROTECT YOUR HOME

Home Hardening Tips

Home Maintenance

- Clear around structures and keep free of leaves & debris.
- Keep roof and gutters clean to eliminate flammable debris.
- Clear vegetation and mulch at least 5 ft away from windows and doors including garage doors
- Keep combustibles elevated off of the garage floor.

Make Your Home More Fire Resilient

Start from the roof and work down.

- Class A fire-rated roof in good condition.
- Install spark arrestors on chimneys and stovepipes.
- 1/8" screen in all vents in walls, eaves, roof, and foundation vents to keep embers out of attics, crawl spaces, and basements.
- Enclose eaves and overhangs with soffits.
- Metal gutters, optional non-combustible leaf guards.
- Dual paned tempered glass windows and fire rated skylights.
- Non-combustible exterior walls, shutters, decks, walkways, outside stairs, and fencing.
- Driveway gate openings at least 12 ft wide.

GO BAGS--Personal Items

Plan for 7 to 14 days evacuation duration

- Contact list and area maps
- Cash, bankcards, and checks
- Phones, chargers, computers, portable drives with documents
- Battery powered radio
- Clothes, outdoor wear, toiletries
- Medications
- Extra glasses
- Jewelry and valuables
- Extra car & house keys
- First Aid kit
- Flashlight and batteries
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, insurance policies, titles, passwords, etc.)

GO BAG--Protective Gear

Pack Gear to Protect You & Your Household from Smokey, Hot, Fire Conditions as You Evacuate

- N-95 Face Masks & Goggles
- Sturdy, heavy-soled shoes
- Long-sleeved clothes (cotton or wool, avoid flammable synthetics)
- Leather work gloves
- Wool cap
- Cotton bandana
- Reflective jacket or vest
- Head lamp
- Wool or fire-retardant blanket

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Create a Defensible Space

Zone 0: 0-5 Feet Around Structures*

- Remove vegetation, plant litter, and overhanging branches
- Hardscape with concrete, brick, gravel, bare dirt, etc.
- No combustible materials (shades, doormats, furniture, woodpiles, BBQs, etc.) in this zone

Zone 1: 5-30 Feet Around Structures*

- Paved or gravel driveways, walkways, patios as firebreaks.
- Remove dead plants, weeds, and plant litter
- Keep grasses <4 in, space larger plants min. 2x plant height
- Remove ladder fuels, limb 6-10 ft up or 1/3 height of trees
- 10 ft clearance around propane tanks, 30 ft vertical.

Zone 2: 30-50 Feet Around Structure*

- 10 ft clearance around woodpiles
- Remove dead plants, keep grasses 4-12 in tall
- Thin trees and shrubs, leave big gaps between plants

Zone 3: Driveway and Frontage*

- 4" reflective metal street numbers on contrasting background
- 12 ft gate openings, 15 ft vertical clearance, 10 ft each side for fire truck access
- Vertical spacing between shrubs and lower tree limbs; cut grasses

* Minimum distance can be greater if on a slope. The steeper the slope, the greater the distance.

GO BAG--Pets

- Carrier for each pet, marked with pet's name and owner's info
- Proof of vaccinations
- Leashes, toys, sanitation bags
- Medications & Food for 7-14 days
- Extra drinking water for each pet
- Owner and pet IDs on each pet
- Pet photos in case of separation

Large Animal Evacuation Help

Santa Cruz Country Equine Evac
www.equineevac.org

San Mateo County Large Animal Evac
<https://smclaeg.org/>

Santa Clara County Large Animal Evac
<http://www.scclaet.org/AboutUs.aspx>

GET READY TO GO

Fire Threat Imminent

FIRE IS UNPREDICTABLE.

Escape routes quickly can become **BLOCKED**.

COMMUNICATIONS can **FAIL** and you may not get an alert.

EVACUATE as soon as possible,
especially **IF YOU FEEL THREATENED**.

If You Have Time Before You Evacuate Take Preventative Actions

- Alert household members and neighbors of the threat.
- Park vehicles in driveway facing out, put car keys in pocket.
- Purse or wallet, contact list, and local maps on car seat.
- N95 masks and wool blankets or jackets on car seat.
- Close vehicle windows and doors to keep out embers.
- Post Resident Information on house front door or window.
- Confirm meeting place and out-of-state contact.
- Charge phones and monitor radio / TV.
- Contain pets and stock animals in secure locations.
- Stage your GO Bags and critical electronics near exit.
- Sync walkie-talkie channels.
- Place fire extinguishers just inside doors so easily visible.
- Close garage & structure doors, windows, and skylights.
- Turn off air conditioners and ceiling fans.
- Fill jugs, sinks, and tubs w/water. Put large towels nearby.
- Move flammable curtains, shades, furniture, and lamps away from windows. Leave a pathway.
- Move door mats, patio furniture, BBQs, and flammable items 30+ ft. from structures. Close & secure patio umbrellas.
- Place metal ladders against structures & set out shovels, rakes, and clippers 10+ ft. from home for firefighters' use.
- Place full water buckets outside near decks & fences.
- Gather Evacuation Tools: chain saw, prybar, bolt cutter, tow strap. Set outside, then take with you if room.
- Connect outside hoses to water spigots and/ tanks.
- Do Not Leave Sprinklers on or Running!