



# Vacation Ready: Staying Safe During Wildfire Season

It's Summer in Marin! School is out and the days are long. You may be planning a weekend excursion or a summer destination vacation. While you are off making new memories and getting away from it all, here are a few tips to take with you to help you keep safe during wildfire season.

## Tell Someone Your Plans

Whether it's the pet sitter, your neighbor, a colleague, or friend, let someone back at home know of your travel plans and how they can get in touch with you in case of an emergency. Establishing two-way communication is a key tenant of preparedness. It will help you respond to any type of emergency at home, or away.

## Know the Local Protocol

Whether you are staying in a vacation rental, a hotel, or campground, you're a guest in someone's community and you may not know the local knowledge of what to do in case of a wildfire. Luckily, evacuation protocols are generally the same wherever you are; and when in doubt be the first one to leave. If you know you will be staying in a forested area, or a place with a history of wildfire, ask a local or do a brief internet search to get information on how to respond in case of a wildfire.



## Leaving the County?

### Sign Up for Emergency Notifications

By this point we hope you have already enrolled with [AlertMarin](#). Wonderful! If you are leaving the county, we recommend signing up with the applicable emergency alert system in that area. These services are intended to help residents and visitors be in-the-know of any public emergencies, including wildfire.

To get you started, here are a few neighboring county's notification systems:

[Napa County](#)

[Sonoma County](#)

[Mendocino County](#)

[Santa Cruz County](#)

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### **Taking a Road Trip?**

Roadtrips come with lots of preparation of essential items: music, audiobooks, directions, and importantly - snacks. But if you will be driving around California or any neighboring states that are also prone to wildfire, it's a good idea to pack extra water, N95 masks, and keep your fuel tank topped off or your car charged.

In addition to bringing a few extra supplies, a successful road trip requires full confidence in your vehicle's condition. By performing a safety check on your vehicle and any trailers or items you are hauling, you can prevent mechanical issues and safety failures, ensuring your journey is safe and avoiding the risk of sparks on the road.



### **Be Responsible**

Just as we would want visitors in Marin to be respectful of our public lands and take care to prevent human caused ignitions, we must model similar behavior when traveling. Recreating responsibly means obeying any local campfire restrictions, extinguishing all fires properly ([Drown, Stir, Feel](#)), and never discarding anything that could start a spark.

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**Learn more at [firesafemarin.org](https://firesafemarin.org)**

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