

# WHEN ORDERED TO EVACUATE

# EVACUATION MAP & READY CHECKLISTS

## ON YOUR PERSON

- Dress all family members in long sleeves and long pants - heavy cotton or wool is preferable.
- Carry a headlamp or flashlight (even during the day), cell phone, and spare batteries.
- Wear leather gloves, head, and eye protection - full coverage goggles are best.
- Carry car keys, wallet, and ID.
- Cover your face with a dry bandana or scarf (cotton or wool) over a N95 mask.
- Drink lots of water and stay hydrated.
- Have a "Grab & Go Bag" for each family member.

## Evacuations in the time of COVID-19

Even during the pandemic, evacuations may be necessary to keep Marin residents safe from the spread of wildland fire. Marin residents can take comfort knowing that a safe haven for evacuees will be provided if an evacuation is necessary. Bay Area emergency management officials and the American Red Cross are creating new strategies to shelter and feed evacuees, while keeping them safe distances apart. Instead of heading to a community center or school gym lined with cots, new shelter designs may look more like a campground with tents, or could even be hotel rooms. Shelters may be farther away from our communities, and there may be a larger number of them, to allow for increased social distancing.

## OUTSIDE & IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD (Time Permitting)

- Gather combustible items outside the house (patio furniture, children's toys, door mats, trash cans, etc.) and place in garage or move them at least 30' from structures (optional: place in your pool).
- Don't leave sprinklers on or water running - they are ineffective and can reduce critical water pressure for the entire neighborhood.
- Close propane tank valves. Move small tanks (bbq or grill) away from structures.
- Back your car into the driveway so it is facing out, with vehicle loaded and all doors and windows closed.
- Hosing your roof down is dangerous and ineffective. Clean your gutters and blow leaves away from house instead (if time allows).
- Unlock and prop open fence and side gates. Have a plan for operating your garage door without power.
- Place ladder(s) at the corner(s) of structures for firefighters.
- Seal attic and ground vents with plywood or metal covers.
- Check on or call neighbors and make sure they are aware and preparing to leave.
- Patrol your property and monitor the fire situation.
- Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel threatened.
- Assist elderly or disabled neighbors.
- Carpool to reduce traffic when evacuating!
- Listen and follow outdoor alerting instructions (LRAD).

## INSIDE THE HOUSE

- Shut all interior and exterior windows and doors and leave them unlocked.
- Remove combustible window shades and lightweight curtains; close metal shutters.
- Move furniture to the center of the room, away from windows.
- Shut off gas at the meter; turn off pilot lights.
- Leave indoor and outdoor lights on for firefighters.
- Shut off heat, air conditioning, and house fans.

## PETS & ANIMALS

- Locate your pets and place in carriers NOW. You will not be able to catch them when the fire approaches.
- Be sure your pets wear tags and are microchipped.
- Place carriers (with your pets in them) near the front door, with fresh water and extra food.
- Prepare animals for transport and consider moving them to a safe location early, before evacuation is ordered.

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# SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

## ALERT MARIN:

Register for emergency notifications at [ALERTMARIN.ORG](http://ALERTMARIN.ORG) to receive evacuation notices by email, phone, or text.

## NIXLE:

Text "94941" to 888777 to receive public safety alerts via text or email.

## EVACUATION NOTICES FROM ALERT MARIN WILL USE THE FOLLOWING TERMINOLOGY:

### EVACUATION ORDER

Leave now! Evacuate immediately. Do not delay to gather valuables or prepare your home. Follow any directions given in the evacuation order.

### EVACUATION WARNING

Evacuate as soon as possible. A short delay to gather your Grab & Go Bag and prepare your home (see below) may be ok. Leave if you feel unsafe.

### SHELTER IN PLACE

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

## WILDFIRE & EMERGENCY "GRAB & GO BAG"

Put together an emergency supply kit in advance and keep it easily accessible. Plan to be away from your home for an extended period of time. Each person and pet should have their own Grab & Go Bag. Backpacks work great for storing these items.

- Bandana, N95 mask, goggles, leather gloves
- Water bottles and food
- Map marked with two evacuation routes
- Prescription medications
- Change of clothing
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- Extra set of car keys, credit cards, cash (small denominations)
- First aid kit

- Flashlight and headlamp with extra batteries
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, insurance policies, etc)
- Pet food and water, leashes, pet supplies and medications
- Spare chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.
- Personal hygiene and sanitary supplies.

### ITEMS TO TAKE ONLY IF TIME ALLOWS:

- Easily carried valuables
- Family photos and other irreplaceable items
- Personal computer and digital information backups on hard drives and/or disks. Put together an emergency supply kit in advance and keep it easily accessible.

## EVACUATION ROUTES HOMESTEAD VALLEY VICINITY

- █ PRIMARY EVACUATION ROUTES
- █ SECONDARY EVACUATION ROUTES

- █ **COMMUNITY REFUGE AREA (CRA)**  
A predesignated neighborhood specific area for the public to seek refuge during a wildland fire. The public should Go-Wait-Listen:
  1. GO (Walk or Bike) to safety (CRA)
  2. WAIT for the danger to pass
  3. LISTEN for instructions from authorities



**KNOW 2 WAYS OUT**  
TAKE ONLY ONE CAR IF YOU ARE DRIVING OUT.

