

EVACUATION TIPS

Evacuations save lives and allow responding personnel to focus on the emergency at hand.

Evacuate promptly when requested.

Practice before a fire. Drive your planned route of escape out of your neighborhood or from work before an actual emergency.

THE EVACUATION PROCESS

Law enforcement agencies are typically responsible for enforcing an evacuation order. Follow their directions promptly.

You will be advised of potential evacuations as early as possible.

You must take the initiative to stay informed and aware.

Listen for your neighborhood warning siren. Tune your radio/ TV for announcements from law enforcement and emergency personnel.

Sign up for Alameda County for [AC Alert](#), Contra Costa County community warning system cwsalerts.com/registration/ and local Nixel alert programs.

Program your local emergency number into your cell phone. Local emergency numbers:

Berkeley	(510) 981-5911
El Cerrito	(510) 233-5223
Moraga-Orinda	(925) 228-8282
Oakland	(510) 444-1616

If you use a cell phone to call 911, the call may go to California Highway Patrol in Vallejo and not local emergency providers.

EVACUATION ORDERS

There are many terms that may be used to alert you to the significance of danger from wildfire.

All evacuation instructions provided by officials should be followed immediately for your safety.

EVACUATION CHECKLIST

- Critical medications
- Important personal papers, photos
- Essential valuables
- Pets, collar and leads, carriers, medications, water and food for 72 hours
- Change of clothing and toiletries
- Cell phone and hand-cranked or solar charger
- Critical papers and effects
- Area map marked with at least two routes
- Agreed upon meeting place for family members.



Hills Emergency Forum

www.hillsemergencyforum.org

Keep a copy of these Tips in your car, at home and at work For When You Need Them

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IF EVACUATION IS A POSSIBILITY

- Locate your Evacuation Checklist and place the items in your vehicle.
- Park your vehicle facing outward and carry your car keys with you.
- Locate your pets and keep them ready to transport.
- Prepare large animals for transport.
- Set up a ladder for access to the roof.
- Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
- Place connected garden hoses and buckets full of water around the outside of the house.
- Cover up. Wear long pants, long sleeves shirt, heavy shoes/ boots, dry bandanna for face cover, goggles or glasses. 100% cotton is preferable.
- Leave lights on in house – door unlocked.
- Leave windows closed – vents/ air conditioning off.
- Identify in advance where to meet if you get separated. Select a common friend or relative to call.

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IF YOU BECOME TRAPPED

While in your vehicle

- Stay calm.
- Park your vehicle in an area clear of vegetation and power lines. Do not block the road.
- Keep the engine running and headlights on. Roll up windows and set the venting system to re-circulate to reduce smoke in the car.
- Cover yourself with wool blanket or jacket.
- Lie on vehicle floor.
- Use your cell phone to advise officials – Call your local emergency number.

While on foot

- Stay calm.
- Go to an area clear of vegetation, a ditch or depression, if possible.
- Lie face down, cover up.
- Use your cell phone to advise officials – Call your local emergency number.

While in your home

- Stay calm, keep your family together.
- Call your local emergency number and inform officials of your location.
- Fill your sinks and tubs with cold water.
- Keep doors and windows closed but unlocked.
- Stay inside your house.
- Stay away from outside walls and windows.

Note: It will get hot in the house. But it is much hotter, and more dangerous outside.

RETURNING HOME

Fire officials will determine when it is safe for you to return to your home. This will be done as soon as possible considering safety and accessibility.

WHEN YOU RETURN HOME

- Be alert for downed power lines and other hazards.
- Check your residence carefully for hidden embers or smoldering fires.
- Check propane tanks, regulators and lines before turning gas on.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Local Emergency Broadcast Stations:
City of Berkeley 1610 AM
City of Oakland 530 AM
El Cerrito NWS radio code 706013
UC Berkeley KALX 90.7 FM

Regional News
KCBS 740 AM
KGO 810 AM
KNBR 680 AM

Emergency Preparedness Websites
www.cityofberkeley.info/getready/
www.el-cerrito.org
<https://www.oaklandca.gov/departments/firew>
www.lamorindacert.org
<http://oem.berkeley.edu/>
www.ready.gov