

Keep a copy of these Tips in your car, at home and at work for when you need them

## Wildfire Evacuation Tips

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

### Please evacuate promptly when requested.

Practice before a fire. Drive all potential routes of escape out of your neighborhood or from work before an actual emergency.



## THE EVACUATION PROCESS

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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.

In Contra Costa County check the community warning system at [www.cococaer.org](http://www.cococaer.org).

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

Berkeley	(510) 981-3473
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 to local emergency providers.

## EVACUATION ORDERS

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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

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- Critical medications
- Important personal papers, photos and other critical effects
- 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
- Area map marked with at least two routes
- Agreed upon meeting place for family members.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### 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

[Getreadyberkeley.org](http://Getreadyberkeley.org)  
[www.oaklandnet.com/core/index.html](http://www.oaklandnet.com/core/index.html)  
[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

[www.el-cerrito.org](http://www.el-cerrito.org)  
[www.lamorindacert.org/](http://www.lamorindacert.org/)

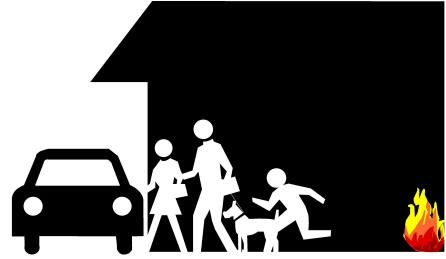


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## IF EVACUATION IS A POSSIBILITY

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- 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.



## IF YOU BECOME TRAPPED

### WHILE IN YOUR VEHICLE

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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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

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- 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.



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