



Emergency Evacuation Checklist

PLAN Ahead Now:

- ☐ Plan at least two different evacuation routes from your home.
- ☐ Agree on an out-of-area phone contact point and make sure everyone in your family has the number. Relay your plans to the contact person.
- ☐ Designate a safe meeting place for family members.
- ☐ Copy important photos and documents, or scan to a back-up device. Store extra copies off-site.
- ☐ Video and/or inventory list of home contents and exterior of the house (for insurance).
- ☐ Keep paper maps of local roads in vehicle.
- ☐ Always keep vehicle fuel tank full during fire season.
- ☐ If you do not drive, make other arrangements for transportation in advance.

Prepare a GRAB & GO BAG Now: *Keep by the door or in vehicle.*

- ☐ Important documents (originals or copies): driver's license, passport, Social Security card, birth certificate, financial records, mortgage, insurance policies & household inventory records, IRS records, medical & legal records. Favorite photos.
- ☐ Credit/debit cards. Small-note cash. Keys for safe deposit boxes.
- ☐ Computer back-up. Paper lists of computer passwords, people you'll want to call.
- ☐ Flashlight, portable radio tuned to **FM 100.1 KZST** or **AM 1350 KSRO**, and extra batteries.
- ☐ Medications. Extra prescription glasses/contacts. Hearing aid batteries.
- ☐ Personal toiletries, toothbrush. Infant diapers.
- ☐ Pet food & medications. Pet photos that show distinguishing marks. Pet vaccination records.
- ☐ Drinking water. Nonperishable food (enough until you get to shelter).
- ☐ Camping equipment.
- ☐ Clothing for 3-5 days. Respirator masks rated N95 or N100.
- ☐ Family heirlooms, jewelry, & irreplaceables.
- ☐ Add cell phone and charger, laptop when the call comes to evacuate.

EVACUATION — WHAT TO WEAR:

- ☐ Wear only cotton or wool clothes: long pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, hat, sturdy shoes/boots, gloves, mask rated N95 or N100 or handkerchief to cover your face, goggles.

EVACUATION — FAMILY MEMBERS:

- ☐ Evacuate all children, elders, & disabled as soon as possible, don't wait.

EVACUATION — PETS/LIVESTOCK:

- ☐ Have carriers and leashes for all of your pets, *keep by the door*. Secure pets as you prepare.
- ☐ If you can't evacuate large animals, spray paint your name on them before you leave.

EVACUATION — VEHICLE PREPARATION:

- ☐ Position vehicles facing out. ROLL UP THE WINDOWS! Leave keys in ignition. Shut outside air vents.
- ☐ Place Grab & Go bag and other essential items in the car early.
- ☐ If you have an automatic garage door, disconnect the electric door opener so that the door can be opened manually. Close the garage door, but leave unlocked.

IF YOU HAVE TIME—Inside the Home:

- ☐ Close all windows.
- ☐ Close all interior doors.
- ☐ Close or cover pet doors.
- ☐ Close fireplace dampers and woodstove doors.
- ☐ Remove curtains and other combustible materials from around windows.
- ☐ Close fire-resistant drapes, shutters, and blinds.
- ☐ Move overstuffed furniture such as chairs & sofas well away from windows.
- ☐ Turn off all pilot lights.
- ☐ Leave a light on in each room.

IF YOU HAVE TIME—Outside the Home:

- ☐ Place combustible patio furniture in the house or garage.
- ☐ Shut off propane at the tank.
- ☐ Remove barbecue propane tanks and place away from the house where they can safely vent.
- ☐ Close all exterior vents, doors, and windows.
- ☐ Prop a ladder against the house to provide firefighters with easy access to the roof.
- ☐ Make sure all garden hoses are connected to faucets, have spray nozzles, and are turned on.
- ☐ Leave exterior doors unlocked and turn on outside lights.
- ☐ Remove excelsior pads from swamp coolers and toss them away from the house.
- ☐ Cover windows, attic openings, and vents with plywood or several layers of aluminum foil secured with HVAC aluminum tape.
- ☐ Leave all gates unlocked and open if possible.
- ☐ Fill trash cans and buckets with water and place where firefighters can find them.

IF YOU CANNOT LEAVE:

- ☐ Stay in your home during the fire. It will be much hotter and more dangerous outside.
- ☐ Call 911 for assistance and to relay your status.
- ☐ Bring pets indoors and secure them.
- ☐ If possible, follow all recommendations for “Inside and Outside Your Home” above.
- ☐ Fill sinks and tubs with water and have towels, mops, and rags ready to extinguish fires.
- ☐ Place wet rags under doors and other openings to prevent entry of embers and smoke.
- ☐ Keep on the move to check for small fires inside the house and extinguish them.
- ☐ Drink plenty of water, avoid dehydration.
- ☐ Make sure you can exit the house if it catches fire.
- ☐ Once the fire front has passed, check roof, gutters, flower beds, attic, and crawl space for fires or burning embers and extinguish them.
- ☐ Do not attempt to leave until after the fire has passed.

To report a FIRE or other emergency, CALL 911. Do not hang up until Dispatch tells you to.

Sonoma County Dispatch **707-576-1371**: best from cell phones, be sure you know your location.

Sonoma County Sheriff **707-565-2121** • California Highway Patrol **707-588-1400**

PG&E (report down power line) **800-743-5000**

www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/14279 live audio feed of scanner radio

Fort Ross Volunteer Fire Department: **707-847-3184. This is not an emergency line.**