

Your neighborhood fire information



Novato

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PLEASE KEEP FOR YOUR REFERENCE

How prepared are you?

Wildfires can strike suddenly and without warning. Emergency managers will attempt to notify residents when evacuation is necessary, but this is not always possible. Advance preparation and situation awareness are required.

Why should you evacuate?

Public Safety Officials use Immediate Evacuation Order as a protective action in certain emergencies to help save the lives of residents, visitors, and first responders. Upon receiving an Immediate Evacuation Order, you should leave as quickly as possible. Evacuation routes become severely congested during evacuations.

Types of evacuation messages

Evacuation Order

An evacuation **order** is movement of community members out of a defined area due to an immediate threat to life and property from an emergency incident. An Evacuation Order should be used when there is potential or actual threat to civilian life within 1–2 hours or when the Incident Command deems it necessary to protect civilians.

Evacuation Warning

An evacuation **warning** is alerting of community members in a defined area of a potential threat to life and property from an emergency incident. An Evacuation Warning may be issued when the potential or actual threat to civilian life is more than 2 hours away.

Hear the Hi/Lo, Time to Go! Hi/Lo Sirens on Public Safety Vehicles

Depending on the emergency, the City's ability to reach you traditional alert and warning tools may be limited. Novato police cars and fire district vehicles are outfitted with new Hi/Lo sirens, a different sound than traditional sirens, that will only be used to **alert residents** to evacuate. This European-style, 2-tone siren will only be used in an emergency to alert residents within specific areas of the need to evacuate. If you hear the Hi/Lo, it's time to go!



Don't wait. Plan now.

DIFFERENT WAYS YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED

Alert Marin for emergency notifications and evacuations

For action at a specific address

- Critical evacuation and life safety information, during emergencies, to specific addresses.
 - Voice, Text, and Email messages
- To register visit www.alertmarin.org

Nixle for Information Notices

For information to an entire zip code

- General information and less critical updates to larger populations, by zip code only.
 - Text messages only
 - Police activity and general public safety information
- To register, text your zip code to 888-777

AM/FM Radio, Social Media:
Bay Area News; Twitter, Facebook

Monitor FM 106.9, AM 740 (KCBS); AM 810 (KGO); FM 88.5 (KQED); FM 92.3; FM 90.5; FM 89.9 (KWMR)
Facebook: @OurTownNovato, @NovatoPolice, @NovatoFireDistrict;
Twitter: @TweetNovato, @NovatoPolice, @Novatofiredist

PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF PROGRAM

During elevated wildfire conditions, your power company may turn off power in some areas for safety. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). All Californians could be impacted by these emergency events and need to be prepared. For more information, visit: www.prepareforpowerdown.com.

Ready, Set, Go.

MANY RESIDENTS DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT THAT COULD RESULT FROM WILDFIRE. THERE MAY NOT BE A LOT OF TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHO IS HOME, WHAT TO TAKE, WHERE OR WHEN TO GO. TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND LEARN WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE DETAILS

READY...

Create a DEFENSIBLE SPACE to slow or halt the spread of wildfire to a structure, and provide adequate safety for firefighters protecting the building.

- Remove all dead vegetation, including leaf litter, from yard, roof and rain gutters.
- Trim trees to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from structures and other trees.
- Remove combustible material and vegetation from around and under decks.
- Remove or prune vegetation near windows.
- Remove "ladder fuels" (low-level vegetation that allows the fire to spread from the ground to the tree canopy).

Create a DEFENSIBLE HOME to safeguard a home from wildfire.

- Roofs covered with composition, metal or tile.
- Eaves protected by enclosing them with stucco or siding.
- Vent openings covered with 1/8" to 1/4" metal mesh.
- Exterior walls covered with non-combustible siding or stucco.
- Windows and door glazing of double pane with at least one pane tempered.
- Balconies and decks built with ignition resistant or non-combustible materials.



SET...

A family plan is only useful completed well before a wildfire occurs. Address the needs of every member of your family or household, including pets. An escape route is a preplanned route to help your family get to a safe area during a wildfire. It's important to map out several options in

case roads are blocked or unsafe for travel.

Emergency kits should contain enough supplies for every member of your household for at least 3 days.



GO.

Leave early!

Knowing when to leave, what to take, where to go, and how to get there will prevent you and your family from being caught in smoke, fire, or road congestion while evacuating during a wildfire.

Don't wait to be told by authorities. If you are advised to leave, don't hesitate. Leave to a predetermined location. Have several travel routes in case one route is blocked by the fire or by emergency vehicles and equipment. Choose the route away from the fire.

Take your emergency kit containing your family and pets' necessary items.



Shelter in place

If trapped by a wildfire, know when and how to shelter in place. Shelter away from outside walls. Patrol inside your home for spot fires and extinguish them. Wear long sleeves and long pants made of natural fibers such as cotton. Stay hydrated. Ensure you can exit the home if it catches fire (remember that if it's hot inside the house it is four to five times hotter outside) Check your roof and extinguish any fires, sparks, or embers. Check inside the attic for hidden embers. Patrol your property and extinguish small fires.

Your evacuation checklist:

SCAN THIS QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD THE CHECKLIST



Always do this...

PREP YOUR COMMUNICATIONS:

- Keep** your cell phone fully charged.
- Notify** an out-of-area contact of your phone number, location and status. Update regularly.
- Leave** a note with your contact info and out-of-area contact taped to fridge or inside a front window.

KEEP ON YOUR PERSON:

- Dress** all family members in long sleeves and long pants; heavy cotton or wool is best, no matter how hot it is.
- Wear** full coverage goggles, leather gloves, head protection.
- Cover** faces with a dry cotton or wool bandanna or scarf over an N95 respirator. **Tie** long hair back.
- Take** a headlamp and flashlight (even during the day).
- Carry** car keys, wallet, ID, cell phone, and spare battery.
- Drink** plenty of water, stay hydrated.
- Put** "Go Kits" in your vehicle.

PETS AND ANIMALS:

- Locate** your pets and place in carriers NOW. You won't be able to catch them when the fire approaches.
- Pets are wearing tags and are registered with microchips.
- Place** carriers (with your pets in them) near the front door, with fresh water and extra food.
- Prepare** horses and large animals for transport and consider moving them to a safe location early, before evacuation is ordered.



When you leave...

- Leave immediately** if ordered.
- Don't wait**—if you feel unsafe or conditions worsen, leave early.
- Assist** elderly or disabled neighbors.
- Carpool** with neighbors.
- Take** only essential vehicles with adequate fuel.
- In your car**, turn on headlights, close windows, turn on inside air and AC, tune to local radio.
- Drive slowly** and be observant.
- Take** the fastest paved route to a valley floor, away from the fire.
- Know at least two routes.** Proceed downhill, away from the fire.
- If roads are impassable or you are trapped: take shelter in a building, car, or an open area; stay far from vegetation; look for wide roads, parking lots, playing fields, etc.
- If trapped**, you are better protected inside a building or vehicle.
- Don't abandon your car** in the road. If you must leave your car, park it off the road.
- Evacuate on foot only as a last resort.
- Don't evacuate by fire road, uphill, or into open-spaces near unburned vegetation.
- Remain calm**—panic is deadly.

HANDY SHOPPING LIST (START SMALL AND WITH A FEW ITEMS AT A TIME)



WILDFIRE & EMERGENCY Go Kit

- Sturdy shoes or boots
- Long sleeve shirt, long pants (cotton or wool, bright colors are best)
- Floppy cotton hat (to keep embers out of hair)
- Leather work gloves
- Full coverage goggles
- N95 respirator
- Cotton bandanna
- A copy of this flyer and map
- Prescriptions medications (ask your doctor for a multi-day emergency supply, rotate annually)
- Spare battery & charger for phone
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- Extra set of car keys
- Credit cards, cash or traveler's checks
- First aid kit (compact)
- Headlamp and Flashlight (handheld)
- Battery-powered radio
- Spare batteries
- Sanitation supplies
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, etc.)

PET SUPPLIES:

- Carriers for each pet
- Leashes
- Pet food and water

ITEMS TO TAKE IF TIME ALLOWS:

- Easily carried valuables
- Family photos and other small, irreplaceable items
- Personal computer information on hard drives and/or disks (offsite or "cloud" backup is best)
- Laptop or tablet & spare chargers

Your family communication plan

step 1. write your family's name in this box.

step 2. your household information

ADDRESS _____
MAIN LANDLINE PHONE _____

NAME _____
PHONE _____ CELL _____
EMAIL _____
OTHER # or SOCIAL MEDIA _____

NAME _____
PHONE _____ CELL _____
EMAIL _____
OTHER # or SOCIAL MEDIA _____

NAME _____
PHONE _____ CELL _____
EMAIL _____
OTHER # or SOCIAL MEDIA _____

NAME _____
PHONE _____ CELL _____
EMAIL _____
OTHER # or SOCIAL MEDIA _____

NAME _____
PHONE _____ CELL _____
EMAIL _____
OTHER # or SOCIAL MEDIA _____

step 3. list your family's meeting locations

LOCATION #1 _____

Instructions: _____

LOCATION #2 _____

Instructions: _____

LOCATION #3 _____

Instructions: _____

step 4. local contacts

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

write your family's name in this box.

step 5. school, work, childcare, caregiver

NAME _____
PHONE _____ WEB _____
EMAIL _____
PLAN/PICKUP _____

NAME _____
PHONE _____ WEB _____
EMAIL _____
PLAN/PICKUP _____

NAME _____
PHONE _____ WEB _____
EMAIL _____
PLAN/PICKUP _____

NAME _____
PHONE _____ WEB _____
EMAIL _____
PLAN/PICKUP _____

step 6. out-of-area contacts

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

step 7. insurance info

HOMEOWNER/RENTAL POLICY COMPANY

CONTACT _____
ACCT.# _____

AUTO POLICY COMPANY

CONTACT _____
ACCT.# _____

FAMILY MEDICAL INSURANCE #1

CONTACT _____
ACCT.# _____

FAMILY MEDICAL INSURANCE #2

CONTACT _____
ACCT.# _____

step 8. important numbers and information

Radio: FM 106.9, AM 740 (KCBS); AM 810 (KGO); FM 88.5 (KQED);
FM 92.3; FM 90.5; FM 89.9 (KWMR)

Facebook: @OurTownNovato, @NovatoPolice, @NovatoFireDistrict

Twitter: @TweetNovato, @NovatoPolice, @Novatofiredist

Fire/Medical emergencies in Marin: 911 or 415-472-0911

Marin fire information hotline: 415-473-7191

Police & Sheriff emergencies in Marin: 911 or 415-472-0911

Poison Control: 800-222-1222

DOCTOR #1 _____
PHONE _____

DOCTOR #2 _____
PHONE _____

DOCTOR #3 _____
PHONE _____

VET _____
PHONE _____

Never forget. Get prepared.



The Wragg Fire in (2015)



Butte Fire in (2015)

Get Connected.

This information could save your life! Share it with your family, neighbors and friends.

Website: www.novatofire.org;
www.novato.org;
www.novatopolice.org

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<https://local.nixle.com/register>

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