

# 32 SIMMONS Know your way out.



Scan this QR code to download your neighborhood map on your phone or tablet!

Familiarize yourself with major routes out of your neighborhood in case of an evacuation.



## EVACUATION SAFETY TIPS

- What to wear?**  
Wear goggles, leather gloves, and heavy shoes/boots; protect skin with long cotton clothing; protect airway and face with an N95 mask and bandanna. Wear a hat to protect hair from embers.
- Where to go?**  
Avoid hillsides. Head for a valley floor by car, away from the fire if possible.
- Just incase...**  
Go on foot or bicycle only if no other option exists. Sheltering indoors or in a car is usually safer than being exposed outside.
- Never evacuate uphill,** on fire roads, or into open spaces where there is unmaintained vegetation.
- Don't panic** in traffic! Inside a car on pavement is one of the safest places during a wildfire.

## EMERGENCY ALERTS & FIRE INFORMATION

- 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.
- ALERT MARIN:** 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](http://www.alertmarin.org)
- NIXLE:** 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 888777
- 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

# Your evacuation checklist:

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## 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



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