

CARMEL VIEWS EVACUATION GUIDANCE

Here is evacuation guidance taken from a variety of sources.

If public safety officials issue an evacuation warning or order, you may receive it from several sources including:

- a hi/low siren
- a loudspeaker on a public safety vehicle
- a Sheriff's deputy or fireman at the door
- Alert Monterey County

Alert Monterey County

Alert Monterey County is a system used by City and County public safety officials to deliver emergency notification to residents and businesses impacted by, or in danger of being impacted by, an emergency or disaster. Alert Monterey County uses the 911 database to call and deliver a recorded message to all landline phone numbers in a specific geographic area within a City and/or the County. It can also notify residents on their cell phones, voice-over-internet (VoIP) phones, or at their email addresses. Those wishing to receive messages on these devices **must register online**: <http://www.alertmontereycounty.org>. The telephone number for Alert Monterey County is 831-755-8969

Online Resources For Disaster Preparedness

Cypress Fire Protection District: <https://cypressfire.org/>

Monterey County Office of Emergency Services: <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-and-administrative-office/office-of-emergency-services/ready-monterey-county/prepare-today>

Ready.gov (Department of Homeland Security): <https://www.ready.gov/home-fires>

Information

911 is used to report an incident, not to get information.

Radio Emergency Broadcast System

Check channels you receive. Our area has poor reception of many stations

TV KION channel 5 KSBW channel 6

Emergency Notification Levels

Evacuation Warning

The area being warned is threatened and evacuations are possible. Prepare to leave. Consider leaving early. People needing extra time to evacuate should **consider leaving now**. Don't wait to be notified to evacuate – if you think it is time to evacuate, you are probably correct.

Evacuation Order

Leave immediately, do not wait. There is imminent danger. Go now! Wild fires move quickly, changing direction depending on weather conditions and fuel load. Emergency conditions change rapidly; getting the most current information is the best tool in knowing how to react. If you see embers or fire, LEAVE!

When You Evacuate

Preparation

Put on long trousers, heavy closed toe shoes, cotton long sleeve shirts, gloves, and scarf. No polyester or synthetics – they melt. Take only essential vehicles – more vehicles lead to more congestion on the road. Take a mask if the Corona virus (COVID 19) is still around. **Make arrangements ahead of time for a mobility challenged neighbor**

Stay Calm and Follow Directions

No evacuation guide can predict all possible evacuation scenarios. Each incident presents unique problems and may require alternative evacuation routes. This makes it imperative that you listen to and follow all directions.

Evacuation Routes

Fire and/or law enforcement will direct you to an exit route. Know the route well enough that you could drive them at night with smoke and haze decreasing visibility. Don't speed; drive safely. One accident, one wreck, one hit pedestrian on our precious few exits could cost lives. Listen to local media for evacuation center destinations. Stay clear of any downed power lines and poles. Always assume they are live. Do not block fire trucks.

Exit at a safe speed through:

- Outlook Drive to Canada Drive to Carmel Valley Road, or
- Outlook Drive to Rio Vista Drive to Carmel Valley Road.

The "fire road" at the end of Outlook Drive is not an exit; it is impassable.

Evacuation Destination

Follow instructions and cooperate with emergency personnel. If you do not have a preplanned family destination, you will be directed to a community destination. Notify an out-of-area previously established contact person to inform them of your location and status. Fill out a door hanger and leave it on your front door as you leave. It will inform emergency crews about what you have done and will provide information they need to contact you. Fill out the door hanger now. Have it ready ahead of time. Don't wait until you are evacuating.

Once Out – Stay Out

Once out, you will not be allowed back into your home until the evacuation order is lifted. This is for your safety and the safety of emergency responders, as well as reducing the chance of looting. Getting back in will require something showing a Carmel Views address.

Stay informed

Sign up for Alert Monterey County. Listen to TV and radio. Keep you land line phone available for emergency evacuation information.

Family communication plan

Assuming your family is not all together at the time of an Alert/Evacuation follow your communication plan.

Animal evacuations

Listen to local media for animal evacuation locations. Owners are responsible for locating placements for animals during evacuation. Pets/animals are not allowed at shelters except for official disabled-person's service animals. Having a current list of your pet's vaccinations may improve the chances of your pet being allowed into the shelter.

Evacuation Checklist

The checklist below indicates the order of tasks in the time available. Start with the highest priority item in the appropriate situation and work down the priorities.

Situation: Evacuation Order

- #1 Load your vehicle with your pets and emergency supply kit. Get out. Go early.
- #2 Turn off propane at the propane tank. Turn off BBQ and other portable tanks at the main valve.
- #3 Turn off gas if you can do it quickly. You may need a special tool hanging near the gas main.
- #4 Shut the windows, vents, doors, blinds or non-combustible window coverings and drapes. **Leave them unlocked.**
- #5 Complete the door hanger and post it on the front door.

Situation: Evacuation Warning

- #1 Park car in driveway facing out, keys in ignition, for quick exit. Disconnect automatic garage door opener for quick access by emergency personnel.
- #2 Close fireplace screens and/or doors.
- #3 Move flammable furniture, doormats, brooms, and other items into the center of the home away from windows and glass doors.
- #4 Turn on exterior lights and a light in each room to increase the visibility of you home in heavy smoke.
- #5 Leave a metal ladder outside on the ground, against the house and place fire-fighting tools (rake, shovel) in front of house.
- #6 Place combustible patio furniture inside or at least 30 feet away from structure.
- #7 Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or heavy aluminum foil.
- #8 Fill garbage cans and buckets with water, place in front of house.
- #9 Check on neighbors and make sure they are preparing to leave.

Family Communication Plan

Fill out this form and place it near your telephone where it can easily be found by everyone in your household. Copy this form and keep it in your Emergency Supply Kits. This will allow all family members to have access to this key information in case you get separated.

When we have to evacuate, we will meet at:

Our out-of-area emergency contact person is _____

Relationship _____

Home phone _____ Cellphone _____

Email _____

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Evacuation Steps

What To Take

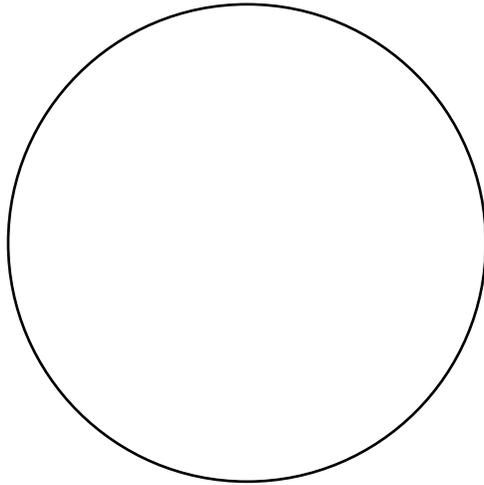
- Medications
- Important documents
- Drinking water
- Wallet / purse
- Emergency supply kit
- Warm clothes, coats

What To Do

- Turn off propane at the tank
- Turn off BBQ tank and other portable tanks
- Turn off gas main line time permitting
- Park fully loaded car facing out
- Locate pets and keep them nearby
- Leave lights on so firemen can see your house
- Leave garden hoses out
- Remove flammable window shades and curtains
- Close all windows but leave doors unlocked
- Move any yard furniture seat pads or flammable items inside
- Check on your neighbors

Exit Notice

Attach this tag to your front door after everyone has exited.



THIS HOUSE IS CLEAR. NO PEOPLE OR PETS REMAIN.

NAME

TELEPHONE

TELEPHONE

ADDRESS

DATE AND TIME

ADDED COMMENTS OR INSTRUCTIONS

What To Do If You Become Trapped Near a Wildfire

While In Your Home

- Stay calm. Keep your family together
- Call 911 and inform them of your location. Tell them you are trapped in an area covered by an evacuation order. If your call will not go through, text an out-of-area emergency contact so they can call 911 for you.
- Fill sinks and tubs with cold water.
- Keep doors and windows closed but unlocked.
- Stay inside your house.
- Stay away from outside walls and windows.
- Don't use a drone to get information. It will cancel fire air support.
- Keep your cell phone charged.

While In Your Vehicle

- Stay calm.
- Park your vehicle in an area clear of vegetation.
- Close all vehicle windows and vents.
- Cover yourself with a wool blanket or jacket.
- Lie on vehicle floor.
- Use your cell phone to advise officials. Call 911. If your call will not go through, text an out-of-area emergency contact so they can call 911 for you.
- Keep your cell phone charged.

While On Foot

- Stay calm.
- Go to an area clear of vegetation, a ditch or depression on level ground if possible.
- Lie face down. Cover up your body.
- Use your cell phone to advise officials. Call 911. If your call will not go through, text an out-of-area emergency contact so they can call 911 for you.

Emergency Supply Kit

Put together your emergency supply kit long before a wildfire or other disaster occurs and keep it easily accessible so you can take it with you when you must evacuate. Plan to be away from your home for an extended period. Each person should have a readily accessible emergency supply kit or “Go Bag.” Backpacks work well for storing these items (except food and water), and you can grab them quickly. Storing food and water in gallon containers in a tub or chest on wheels will make it easier to transport. Keep it light enough to be able to lift it into your car. Consider backing up important documents (birth certificates, passports), photos, and computers in the cloud in advance of any emergency.

Emergency Supply Kit Checklist

- A three-day supply of nonperishable food and three gallons of water per person
- A map showing potential evacuation routes
- Prescriptions or special medications
- A change of clothing
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- An extra set of car keys, credit cards, cash, or checks
- A flashlight and extra batteries
- A battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Sanitation supplies
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports)
- Don't forget pet food and water.
- Cell phone with battery backup

Items To Take If Time Allows

- Easily carried valuables
- Family photos and other irreplaceable items
- Personal computer information on hard drives, thumb drives, and disks
- Chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.

Always keep a sturdy pair of closed-toe shoes and a flashlight near your bed and handy in case of a sudden evacuation at night.

For more information about emergency supplies, visit <https://www.ready.gov/>.