
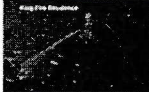


Evacuation:

Keeping You and Your Family Safe
Pollock Pines-Camino Fire Safe Council



Some facts:




Reported September 2016

- In the U.S., over 46 million homes in over 70,000 communities have been built in the Wildland Urban Interface zone (WUI).
- Since 2000 over 38,000 homes have been lost to WUI fires. (.08% or 8 in 10,000, or 1 in 1,250)
- . . . when residential development is exposed to extreme wildfire conditions, numerous houses can ignite and burn simultaneously, overwhelming fire fighters and reducing fire protection effectiveness. **High winds of extreme fire events resulted in fires igniting between 1 and 4 houses per minute, Laguna Fire, CA (1993) and Painted Cave Fire (1990).**

National Institute of Science and Technology, US Chamber of Commerce. Nist.gov


Some more facts:



- Camp Fire, 2018:
 - 85 people perished; 153,000 acres; 18,800 structures burned (14,000 residential, 530 commercial)
 - 10,000 acres in 90 minutes or 1 football field every second
 - **About 52,000 were evacuated** (Wikipedia)
- Tubbs Fire, 2017:
 - 22 perished; 36,807 acres; 5643 structures (half homes, or 5% of homes in Santa Rosa)
 - **About 100,000 were evacuated** (KQED)

Insurance Information Institute, www.iii.org
CalFire, www.fire.ca.gov

More facts from CalFire for 2021:



Interval	Fires	Acres
Jan. 1, 2021 through July 28, 2021	4,701	228,091
Jan. 1, 2020 through July 28, 2020	4,223	106,113
5-year average (same interval)	3,443	279,818
2021 combined YTD (CalFire & USFS)	5,671	484,519

Summary:

- 2021 has seen 478 more fires, an 11% increase.
- Those fires burned more than twice as many acres as a year ago.

It's IMPERATIVE!

- *Extreme wildfire conditions and loss of life and property are increasing.*
- *Residents play a key role in reducing the risk.*
- *Residents must be prepared to evacuate themselves, their family including animals, their valuables, and maybe their neighbors.*

Main Idea:**Get prepared.**

- *Prepare to evacuate yourself and your family.*
- *Prepare to evacuate your animals.*
- *Prepare to leave your home and property.*

Prepare yourself and family: Communication

- **Register with CodeRED at ready.edso.org.** Texts, calls, email.
- **Establish an emergency plan;** tell everyone. Where to meet, whom to call.
- **Install an emergency address sign:** heat-resistant, reflective, visible in smoke

Prepare yourself and family: Essentials**Pack a GO Bag—when you must leave NOW**

- Clothing and sleepwear for several days
- Medications
- Toiletries, towel
- Flashlight, electronics, charging gear
- Critical paperwork including proof of address for re-entry
Passport, deed(s), insurance, marriage license, home photos

Prepare your pets and other animals



- **Assemble essential supplies for quick departure:** pen, food, bowls, meds, vaxx records
- **Talk with your neighbors:** make a plan to evacuate animals if someone is not home
- **Animal Control may rescue your animals:** have a key available, pictures on your phone. Vaxx records determine where your pet will be housed

Prepare your home: Inside, as time permits



- Close windows, doors; unlock garage door for firefighter entry
- Remove flammable window coverings
- Move flammable furniture away from windows
- Turn off gas at the meter
- Lock the door? Which is greater risk? Looters or firefighters can't enter

Prepare your home: Outside, as time permits



- Position vehicles for quick departure; close windows; carry keys
- Bring flammables inside; remove combustibles
- Turn off gas/propane
- Move BBQ away from the house
- Leave exterior lights ON so house is visible in smoke or darkness
- Connect garden hoses for firefighter use; leave sprinklers OFF
- Leave a ladder for easy roof access by firefighters
- Remove debris from roofs and gutters and away from foundation

Time to Leave? Know the *statewide* terminology:



Evacuation Order: Immediate threat to life; a lawful order to leave now; closed to public access.

Evacuation Warning: Potential threat to life, property. Those needing additional time and those with pets, livestock should leave now.

Shelter in Place: Go indoors. Shut, lock doors, windows. Prepare to self-sustain until further notice, or if contacted by emergency personnel.

Time to Leave? When?



Nothing you own is worth your life.

- **Evacuate immediately when directed by fire or law enforcement.**
 - Information through CodeRED
 - Could be first responder at your door
- **If you are concerned, don't wait to leave. Go.**
 - Especially in an ember storm
 - Especially in a firestorm
- **Drive slowly with lights ON.**
- **Fire fighting vehicles are LARGE. Stay to the side.**
- **If you MUST abandon your vehicle, pull off the road to keep it clear.**

Resources:



Calalerts.org

Fire.ca.gov

Firesafemarin.org

Firewise.org

Fire Adapted Communities: The Next Step in Wildfire Preparedness; a publication of the Pollock Pines-Camino Fire Safe Council

NIST.gov: National Institute of Science and Technology; US Chamber of Commerce

NFPA.org: (National Fire Protection Association) Including "Codes and Standards for the Built Environment" by Revised by Arthur E. Cote Casey C. Grant