

READY, SET, GO! PREPAREDNESS GUIDE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Maintain Defensible Space.
- ✓ Harden against flying embers.
- ✓ Create a family evacuation plan.
- ✓ Assemble an emergency supply kit.
- ✓ Learn immediate steps for evacuating.
- ✓ Learn what to do if trapped during a wildfire.
- ✓ Know when to evacuate.
- ✓ Save your community evacuation route.

Download the Ready for Wildfire app for wildfire preparedness checklists, tips and more!



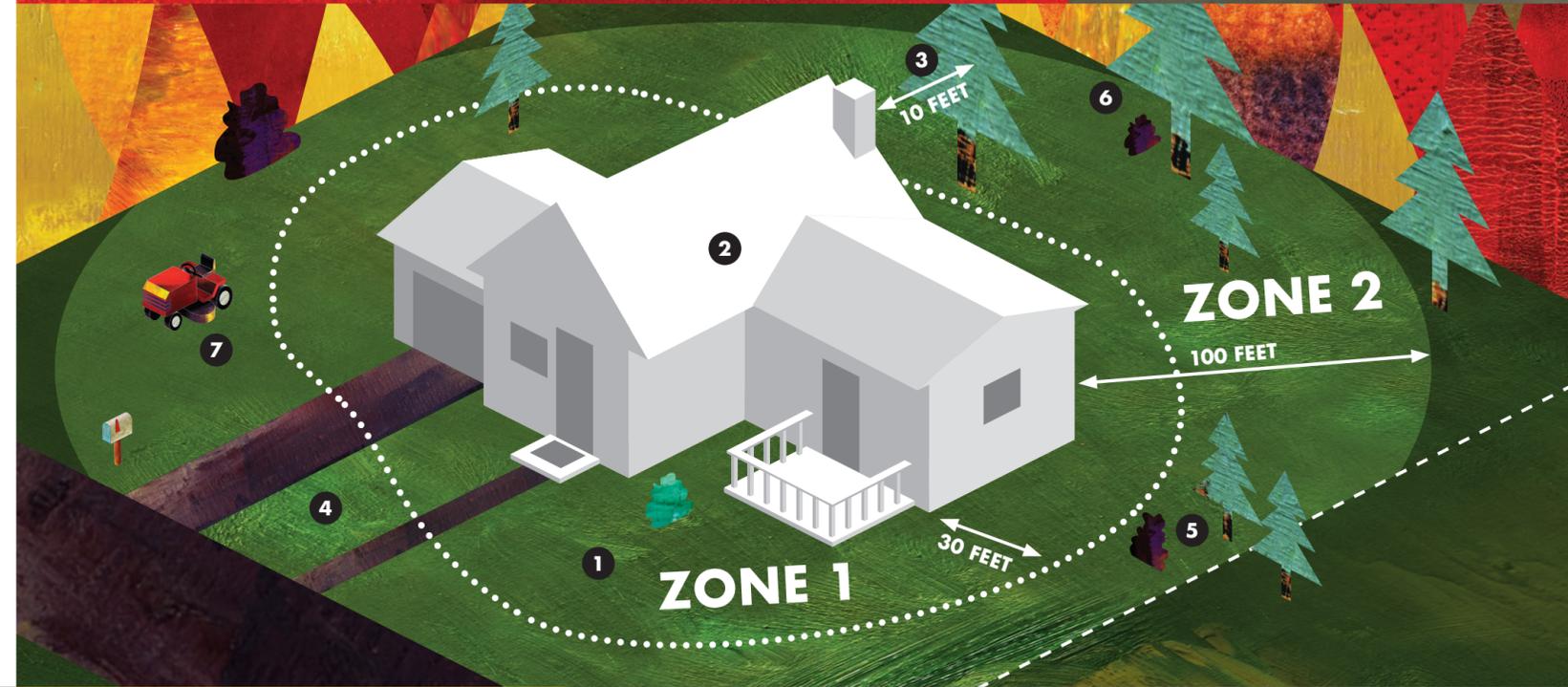
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STEP 1 GET READY

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EVACUATION INFORMATION



SAN MATEO COUNTY WILDFIRE SAFETY

Be Prepared.



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MAINTAIN DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Defensible Space is your property's front line protection against wildfire. Creating and maintaining Defensible Space around your home can dramatically increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. It also improves the safety of firefighters defending your property. 100 feet of Defensible Space is required by law.*

HARDENING YOUR HOME

Help minimize the risks and protect your home by hardening it using ember-resistant building materials.

TWO ZONES MAKE UP THE REQUIRED 100 FEET OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE

ZONE 1: 30 FEET OF LEAN, CLEAN & GREEN

- 1 Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds.
- 2 Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
- 3 Keep tree branches 10 feet away from your chimney and other trees.

ZONE 2: 30-100 FEET OF REDUCED FUEL

- 4 Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of four inches.
- 5 Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees.
- 6 Create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs and trees.

USE EQUIPMENT PROPERLY TO KEEP FROM SPARKING A WILDFIRE

- 7 Mow before 10 a.m., and never on a hot or windy day. String trimmers are a safer option (vs. lawnmowers) for clearing vegetation.

*For more information on preparing Defensible Space and legal requirements visit ReadyForWildfire.org.

**STEP
2**

GET SET...



PREPARE YOUR FAMILY WITH AN EVACUATION PLAN

- Designate an emergency meeting location outside of the fire or hazard area. This is critical to determine who has safely evacuated from the affected area.
- Become familiar with your community's escape route options. Practice these often so everyone in your family is familiar in case of an emergency.
- Have an evacuation plan for pets and large animals such as horses and other livestock.
- Complete a family communication plan. Download and print a version to keep with this plan at www.ReadyForWildfire.org/prepare-your-family.



ASSEMBLE AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

- Three-day supply of non-perishable food and three gallons of water per person
- Prescriptions or special medications
- Change of clothing
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- First aid kit
- Flashlight
- Extra set of car keys, credit cards, cash or traveler's checks
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Sanitation supplies
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, etc.)
- Food and water for pets
- This evacuation plan and the designated evacuation route



REMEMBER THE SIX "P's" IN CASE IMMEDIATE EVACUATION IS REQUIRED

- People and pets
- Papers, phone numbers and important documents
- Prescriptions, vitamins and eyeglasses
- Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia
- Personal computer hard drive and disks, and power cords
- "Plastic" (credit cards, ATM cards) and cash

**STEP
3**

GO!



TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY WHEN WILDFIRE STRIKES

Follow these steps as soon as possible to get ready to Go!

- Review pre-evacuation preparation checklists (if time allows) at www.ReadyForWildfire.org/pre-evacuation-preparation.
- Ensure your Emergency Supply Kit is in your vehicle.
- Cover up to protect against heat and flying embers. Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt, hat, heavy shoes/boots, goggles/glasses, and a dry scarf to cover your face. 100% cotton is preferable for clothing.
- If time allows, gather your pets and take them with you.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU BECOME TRAPPED 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.

WHEN TO EVACUATE

If evacuation is recommended by fire officials, leave promptly—don't hesitate! If fire is becoming an increasing threat, also leave early—whether or not authorities have ordered evacuation. In an intense wildfire, officials may not have time to knock on every door. Early action can help you avoid being caught in a fire, heavy smoke or road congestion. Evacuating early also helps keep roads clear so that firefighters can move about more freely and concentrate on their work.



- Officials will determine the areas to be evacuated and escape routes to use depending on fire location, behavior, wind, terrain, etc.
- Law enforcement agencies are typically responsible for enforcing an evacuation order. Promptly follow their directions.
- You will be advised of potential evacuations as early as possible. You must take the initiative to stay informed and aware. Listen to your radio/TV for announcements from law enforcement and emergency personnel.
- You may be directed to temporary assembly areas to await transfer to a safe location.

PREPARE YOUR HOUSEHOLD SAFETY PLAN NOW

- 1 Meet with your entire family and discuss what each member needs to do to remain safe.
- 2 Determine how and when you will transport family pets and animals. Make sure your animals are easily identifiable and plan for food and water for them. Red Cross shelters do not accept pets. Contact your local animal rescue group or animal control for assistance.
- 3 Determine an out-of-area central meeting point and/or designate a contact person to reach via phone.
- 4 Designate a local contact for the care of children and pets.
- 5 Review emergency travel routes, public assembly points and temporary assembly areas. Make sure everyone is familiar with each location and knows how to get there.
- 6 Set up regular practice drills with your family to be prepared in case of evacuation.
- 7 Complete your personalized Household Safety Plan (below).
- 8 Update your Household Safety Plan annually or as needed.

OUR FAMILY

OUR NAME(S) _____

OUR ADDRESS _____

OUR PHONE NUMBERS _____

THE LOCATION WE WILL MEET AT IF EVACUATED _____

OUR OUTOF-AREA EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON IS

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER _____

NEIGHBORS WHO MAY NEED ASSISTANCE TO EVACUATE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

OUR LOCAL CONTACTS TO CARE FOR OUR CHILDREN

NAME _____

LOCATION _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

NAME _____

LOCATION _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

SCHOOL NAME _____

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER _____

SCHOOL NAME _____

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER _____

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

VETERINARIAN NAME & PHONE NUMBER _____

PREPARE TO GO!

San Mateo
County Wildfire
Safety

BE READY. ASSEMBLE YOUR OWN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT



Notice of evacuation doesn't always allow you to gather needed essentials! Plan ahead by gathering what you need to take with you. Place these essentials in one or more easy-to-carry containers and keep in a location where you can quickly grab them.

Update your Emergency Supply Kit every six months, or as your needs change. Be sure to check expiration dates on perishable items such as food, beverages and batteries.

Include a three-day supply for each family member (this is for all supplies—ie sanitation, food, water, etc.).



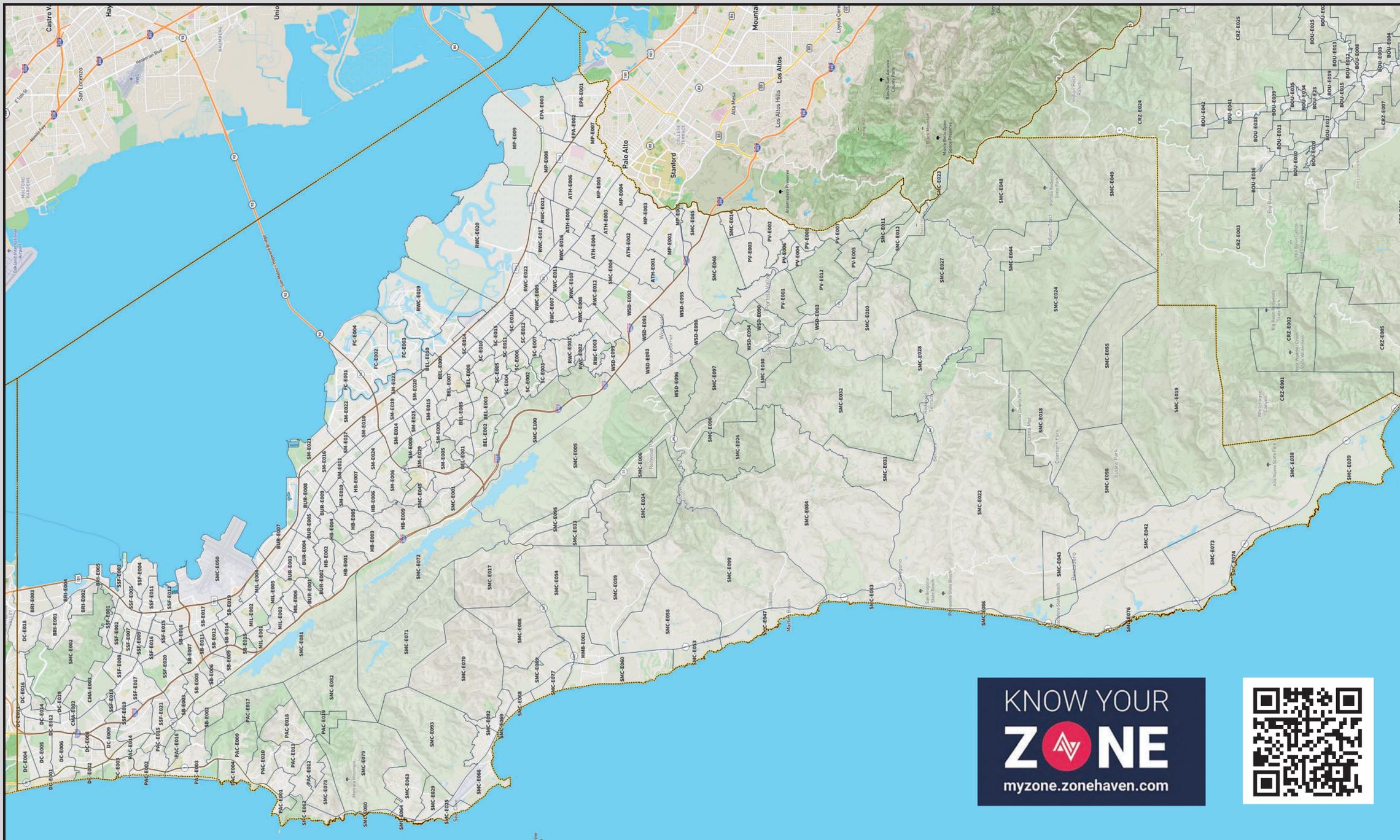
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YOUR EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT LIST STARTS HERE

- Evacuation Plan and maps. Includes completed Household Safety Plan already filled out.
- Water—One gallon per person per day.
- Three-day supply of food for each person. Dried or canned food that doesn't require cooking is preferable.
- A couple of changes of clothes and sturdy shoes. Consider warm and cold weather.
- Personal hygiene items, such as toothbrush, toothpaste, hair brush etc.
- Medication/medical documents, including non-prescription medications, a list of prescription meds with copies of the prescriptions, and a list of known allergies.
- Visual aids, such as spare eyeglasses or contacts, and eye solution.
- Pet Emergency Supply Kit—Food, water, bowl, plastic bags, litter, leash, medical and immunization records, medicine, current photo of pet, transport carrier and names and phone numbers of your veterinary hospitals and animal shelters.
- Personal documents—Copies of insurance policies, birth certificates, home deed/lease, and other important documents.
- Identification—Copies of driver's license/ I.D. card and health insurance cards.
- Cash, in small denominations, and credit cards.
- Cell phone charger—home and car.
- Emergency blanket or sleeping bag.
- First aid kit (with manual).
- Sanitation supplies, such as disposable cleaning cloths, toilet paper, garbage bags and twist ties.
- Emergency lighting, such as flashlights, glow sticks, head lamps, and plenty of extra batteries.
- Small tool kit including screwdrivers, pliers, hammer, multi-purpose tool, etc.
- Radio—Include extra batteries or have hand-crank radio
- Duct tape, rope/twine and zip ties.
- Dust mask and work gloves.
- Utensils and cups for each family member for food and water.
- Extra set of keys.
- A whistle to signal for help.
- Deck of cards or small games (entertainment for children and adults).

LAST MINUTE ITEMS, IF TIME ALLOWS

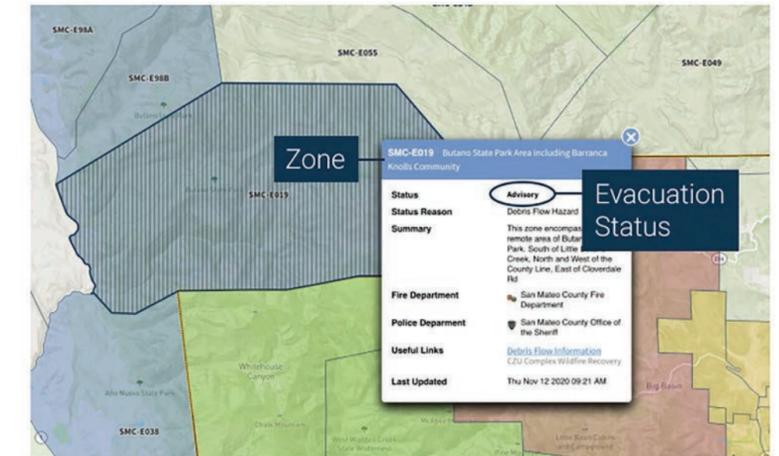
- Family photos.
- Emergency scanner.
- Computer flash-drives and external hard drives/laptop with power cords.



What are Evacuation Zones?

In the event of a wildfire or an emergency situation, law enforcement and fire agencies issue evacuation warnings or evacuation orders for impacted areas. These notices are issued for a **Zone** with an evacuation **Status**.

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Zones will appear in different colors depending on the evacuation Status. Click on your zone to determine the status and get additional information.

Evacuation Status Levels

- Evacuation Order.** An immediate threat to life. This is a lawful order to leave now. The area is lawfully closed to public access.
- Evacuation Warning.** A potential threat to life and/or property. Those who require additional time to evacuate, and those with pets and livestock should leave now.
- Advisory.** A notice to be on alert and follow county recommendations.
- Clear To Repopulate.** It is safe to return to your home. Be aware of your surroundings and go through the returning home checklist.
- Shelter In Place.** An order to go indoors. Shut and lock doors and windows. Prepare to self-sustain until further notice and/or contacted by emergency personnel for additional direction.
- Normal.** There is no current knowledge of threats affecting your area and that you can carry on with normal activity.

UNDERSTANDING EVACUATIONS

Evacuation Order: This requires residents to immediately move out of an affected area due to an immediate threat of wildfire.



Scan the QR code to sign up for emergency notifications from San Mateo County.



ZONEHAVEN

During an evacuation, it is essential for government agencies and community members to work together. Using Zonehaven makes it easy for agencies to prepare and coordinate evacuations with residents and workers. Knowing your zone is critical to the evacuation process. If there is a wildfire or emergency situation, authorities use Zone Names in media releases and on social media to notify residents which areas are under an evacuation warning or evacuation order. Visit community.zonehaven.com for the latest updates about active incidents in your area and which zones they affect.

LIFTING OF EVACUATIONS

Evacuations may stay in effect for several days. CAL FIRE, local law enforcement and local utility companies will decide when it is safe to lift the evacuations. Be assured this will be done as soon as possible.

Make sure you have a photo ID with your correct address. If recently moved, a bill with your current address and name will suffice along with a photo ID. Once it is determined that it is safe to return, only residents with proper identification will be allowed to do so, at first.

Notifications will be available via:

- SMC Alerts
- Media
- Local fire and law enforcement departments' social media sites and websites
- Local county cell phone emergency notification systems, where available
- Road closure signage
- Evacuation centers