



## GRATON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT WILDFIRE EVACUATION CHECKLIST

### **NIXLE** [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)

Used to provide incident information for a special zip code: road closures, general updates, issues affecting larger areas; post-disaster information regarding shelters, transportation, and/or supplies; law enforcement activity and general public safety information.

**EVACUATION ORDER:** Leave now! Evacuate immediately. Do not delay to gather valuables or prepare your home. Follow any and all directions given.

### **ALWAYS:** **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Keep your cell phone fully charged.
- Notify an “out of area” contact with who you will be in contact with & update regularly.
- Leave a note with your contact info and your “out of area” contact info
- Check on or call neighbors to alert them at first indication of fire.

### **ON YOUR PERSON**

- Dress all family members in long sleeves and long pants; cotton preferred material, close toed shoes; minimal skin exposed.
- Cover faces with dry cotton or wool bandanna or scarf over an N95 respirator; protect airway.
- Carry a headlamp and/or flashlight (even during the day), with extra batteries.
- Carry car keys, wallet, ID, cell phone, and charging capabilities.
- Drink plenty of water, stay hydrated.
- Put “Go Kits” in your vehicle.

### **PETS & ANIMALS**

- Locate your pets & place carriers NOW. You won’t be able to catch them as fire approaches.
- Be sure your pets wear tags and are registered with microchips.
- Place carriers (with pets) near front door, with fresh water & food.
- Prepare horses and large animals for transport and consider moving them to a safe location early, before Evacuation Order.

### **ALERT SONOMA COUNTY**

[www.socoemergency.org](http://www.socoemergency.org)

Used to provide evacuation information with live GIS mapping, temporary evacuation shelters, large animal shelters, PG&E outage notifications, thermal activity Maps, incident maps, and other disaster Information.

**EVACUATION WARNING:** Evacuate as soon as possible. A short delay to gather your Go Kit and prepare your home may be OK. Leave if you feel unsafe or conditions change.

### **IF TIME ALLOWS:**

#### **INSIDE THE HOUSE**

- Shut all windows and doors (interior Too) and leave them unlocked.
- Remove combustible window shades and curtains; close metal shutters.
- Move furniture to the center of the Room, away from windows.
- Leave indoor and outdoor lights on.
- Shut off HVAC and ceiling fans

#### **OUTSIDE & IN NEIGHBORHOOD**

- Place combustible outdoor items in Garage or 30’ from structures. Patio Furniture, toys, doormats, trash cans
- Shut off gas at the meter or propane tank; move small tanks 15’ away from all combustibles.
- Connect garden hoses with squeeze grip nozzles to outdoor spigots for use by firefighters.
- Clear gutters and blow leaves away from house.
- Back your car into driveway, loaded, with doors and windows closed.
- Prop open fence and side gates.
- Place ladders outside away from combustibles and house; for use by firefighters.
- Seal attic & ground vents with pre-cut plywood or metal covers if time allows.
- Patrol your property & monitor conditions. Leave if fire activity intensifies or spot fires start nearby.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA, RADIO, TV**

Used to provide less critical and low level frequent updates intended for larger populations: traffic updates, road closures, incident updates, and contact information; safety announcement, power outages. Use caution with where information comes From.

**EVACUATION ADVISORY:** Prepare for possible evacuation orders. Take the time to prepare your house, load all important personal items into car.

### **WHEN YOU LEAVE:**

- Leave immediately if ordered.
- Don’t wait for an evacuation Order if you feel unsafe or Conditions change; leave early if unsure.
- Assist elderly or disabled neighbors.
- Take only essential vehicles with adequate fuel.

### **IN YOUR CAR:**

- Turn on headlights, close windows, turn inside AC, tune radio to local news radio station.
- Drive slowly and defensively; be observant.
- The best evacuation route is Usually the one you know best. Take the fastest paved route away from the fire as possible.
- If trapped, you are better protected inside a building or vehicle.
- Don’t abandon your vehicle in the roadway if passage is impossible. If you must leave your car, park it off the roadway and consider all options for shelter.
- Evacuate on foot only as a last resort.
- Remain calm- panic is deadly.

**Place your Sonoma County Sheriff Evacuation Tag at your driveway as you evacuate the area.**



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### "GO KIT"

#### WILDFIRE & EMERGENCY KIT

Put together an emergency supply kit in advance for each family member and keep it easily accessible in garage or near front door. Plan to be away from your home for an extended period of time. Each person should have their own kit in a portable bag; i.e. backpack duffle bag, etc.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL IS TO PACK IMPORTANT DOCUMENTATION WITH FAMILY PHOTOS. If not packaged have a plan for which photographs to grab.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bandanna, N95 respirator, goggles,<br>long shirt/pants, close toed boots, hat. | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottles and food                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight and headlamp with batteries                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Battery-powered radio and extra batteries                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary supplies                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra car/house keys, credit cards, cash                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of important docs (birth certificates,<br>passports, insurance, policies, proof of<br>residence, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothing                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Map marked with two evacuation routes                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet food and water, leashes, pet supplies<br>and medications.                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Spare chargers for cell phones,<br>laptops, etc.                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription medications<br>Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses                 |                                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal computer data and<br>digital information, flash drives. |