

Evacuation Resources

Notification Systems and Important Information

SoCoAlert – By signing up for SoCoAlert, you can select to receive alerts through landline calls, cell phone, text messages or pre-recorded verbal messages and email. The system also works with telephone devices for the deaf. You can sign up online at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF7053564662>. For general questions about SoCo Alert, call (707) 565-1369.

Nixle – You can receive email and text messages from local fire and law enforcement agencies that include public safety messages as well as emergency information. Text your zip code to 888777 to opt-in or sign up online at <https://local.nixle.com> to receive email, text or voice messages with alerts and advisories.

Sonoma County Fire District Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/sonomacountyfd>

Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/sonoma.sheriff>. Follow emergency information on Nixle and/or SoCoAlert.

Emergency Access through Private Property Gates – If you have a gated access please call the Sonoma County Fire District (707) 892-2003 for instructions on getting a KnoxBox on your gate so the Fire Department can get on your property. You ALSO should call Sonoma County Sheriff's Dispatch at 565-2121 to register your gate code with them so they can reach you in a non-fire emergency.

2-1-1 is an information and referral service for Sonoma County. It connects Sonoma County callers, website-users and texters with information about health and human services available to them. During times of disaster, 2-1-1 provides incident-specific information in coordination with local emergency services, including road closures and shelters..

PulsePoint Respond App is a 911-connected app that can immediately inform you of emergencies occurring in your community and can request your help when CPR is needed nearby

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio – The National Weather Service can remotely turn on these radios and send basic alerts, including for wildfire. The message may be accompanied by a warning tone, depending on the model of radio you purchase (approx \$30). Sonoma County residents may tune their NOAA radio to frequency 162.475. If you are deaf or have hearing loss these radios have add-on equipment such as strobe lights and bed shakers.

Local Radio Stations

- [1350 AM: KSRO Radio](#)
- [740 AM and 106.9 FM: KCBS Radio](#)
- [89.1 FM: KBBF Radio \(Bilingual/Spanish\)](#)
- [91 FM: KRCB Radio](#)
- [100.1 FM: KZST Radio](#)

FireSafe Sonoma provides education, exchanges information and fosters fire prevention and fire safety within the County of Sonoma. Follow them at <https://www.firesafesonoma.org> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FireSafeSonoma.org>

Alert Wildfire, website is a consortium of three universities providing access to dozens of state-of-the-art fire cameras and associated tools to help discover, locate, and monitor fires. Each camera shows a different view in Sonoma County. <http://www.alertwildfire.org/northbay/index.html?camera=Axis-Diablo>

Educational Webinars, Brochures and Books

Defensible Space - Protecting Your Home from Wildfire, Webinar

A US Forest Service research scientist explains some basic steps to protect homes from wildfire. Clear examples of the small preventable factors that can endanger a home and what you can do to reduce the danger. 25 min. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gW4ojYJtGbA>

Structural Hardening, Webinar

Hardening a home to withstand wildland fire exposure does not have to be costly, but it does require an understanding of the exposures your home will experience when threatened by a wildfire. This webinar on wildfire resiliency, presented by subject-matter expert David Shew, will increase your understanding of the exposures your home faces and will focus on home hardening projects that will reduce your wildfire risks. 1hr. 15 min.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMzTxt7Qj9A&t=2565s>

Resilient Landscaping, Webinar

The Resilient Landscapes Coalition of Sonoma County encourages fire-wise landscape design and management in the defensible space zone, while at the same time enhancing biodiversity and wildlife habitat, and conserving resources. A 9 min. video and the full 2 hr. webinar, are available at

<https://www.sonomaresilientlandscapes.com/links.html>

Evacuation Check List

When fire weather is severe (Red Flag Warning), a fire is burning nearby, or an evacuation is anticipated, follow this checklist (if time allows) to give you and your home the best chance of surviving a wildfire. Read through it BEFORE a fire, to better understand your priorities and decision-making process when a fire strikes.

https://firesafemarin.org/images/documents/resources/evac/FIRESafe_MARIN_Evacuation_Checklist.pdf

Ready Set Go: Your Personal Wildfire Action Plan.

This 12-page brochure, created by CalFire, explains defensible space, how to wild-fire-ready your home, preparing your family, and a comprehensive check list. It is available for download at

https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/4996/readyssetgo_plan.pdf

Books:

The Fire Smart Home Handbook: Preparing for and Surviving the Treat of Wildfire by Clyde Soles. An in-depth look at how wildfires behave and are fought and how to evaluate your property, what essential tools you'll need and how to prepare your land and home

Managing Your Forest, by Hansen, Severson and Waterman will help you become an active and effective steward of your forest. Whether you own a few acres of woodland or many the authors present active steps to guide your woodland toward a state of health

Organizations Specific to the Upper Mark West Watershed

Alpine Club Emergency Preparedness Committee and Phone Alert System, website

<https://sites.google.com/site/alpineclubsite/phone-alert-system-emergency-preparedness>

Friends of the Mark West Watershed, website <http://www.markwestwatershed.org> and on FaceBook

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-the-Mark-West-Watershed-538217266225635>