**EMERGENCY ALERTS & FIRE INFORMATION**

**WILDFIRES CAN STRIKE SUDDENLY AND WITHOUT WARNING.**

EMERGENCY MANAGERS WILL ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY RESIDENTS WHEN EVACUATION IS NECESSARY, BUT THIS IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE. ADVANCE PREPARATION AND SITUATION AWARENESS ARE REQUIRED.

**ALERT MARIN: Emergency Notifications and Evacuations**

*For action at a specific ADDRESS*
- Critical evacuation and life safety information, during emergencies, to specific addresses.
- Voice, Text, and Email messages

To register visit www.alertmarin.org

**NIXLE: Information Notices**

*For information to an entire ZIP CODE*
- General information and less critical updates to larger populations, by zip code only.
- Text messages only
- Police activity and general public safety information

To register, text your zip code to 888777

**AM/FM RADIO, SOCIAL MEDIA:**
Bay Area News; Twitter, Facebook

Monitor FM 106.9, AM 740 (KCBS); AM 810 (KGO); FM 88.5 (KQED); FM 92.3; FM 90.5; FM 89.9 (KWMR)
Facebook: @OurTownNovato, @NovatoPolice, @NovatoFireDistrict; Twitter: @TweetNovato, @NovatoPolice, @Novatofiredist

**EVACUATION SAFETY TIPS**

**What to wear?**
Wear goggles, leather gloves, and heavy shoes/boots; protect skin with long cotton clothing; protect airway and face with an N95 mask and bandanna. Wear a hat to protect hair from embers.

**Where to go?**
Avoid hillsides. Head for a valley floor by car, away from the fire if possible.

**Just incase...**
Go on foot or bicycle only if no other option exists. Sheltering indoors or in a car is usually safer than being exposed outside.

**Never evacuate** uphill, on fire roads, or into open spaces where there is unmaintained vegetation.

**Don’t panic** in traffic! Inside a car on pavement is one of the safest places during a wildfire.
Your evacuation checklist:

PREP YOUR COMMUNICATIONS:
- **Keep** your cell phone fully charged.
- **Notify** an out-of-area contact of your phone number, location and status. Update regularly.
- **Leave** a note with your contact info and out-of-area contact taped to fridge or inside a front window.

KEEP ON YOUR PERSON:
- **Dress** all family members in long sleeves and long pants; heavy cotton or wool is best, no matter how hot it is.
- **Wear** full coverage goggles, leather gloves, head protection.
- **Cover** faces with a dry cotton or wool bandanna or scarf over an N95 respirator. **Tie** long hair back.
- **Carry** car keys, wallet, ID, cell phone, and spare battery.
- **Drink** plenty of water, stay hydrated.
- **Put** “Go Kits” in your vehicle.

PETS AND ANIMALS:
- **Locate** your pets and place in carriers NOW. You won’t be able to catch them when the fire approaches.
- Pets are wearing tags and are registered with microchips.
- **Place** carriers (with your pets in them) near the front door, with fresh water and extra food.
- **Prepare** horses and large animals for transport and consider moving them to a safe location early, before evacuation is ordered.

HANDY SHOPPING LIST (START SMALL AND WITH A FEW ITEMS AT A TIME)

WILDFIRE & EMERGENCY Go Kit
- Sturdy shoes or boots
- Long sleeve shirt, long pants (cotton or wool, bright colors are best)
- Floppy cotton hat (to keep embers out of hair)
- Leather work gloves
- Full coverage goggles
- N95 respirator
- Cotton bandanna
- A copy of this flyer and map

- Prescriptions medications (ask your doctor for a multi-day emergency supply, rotate annually)
- Spare battery & charger for phone
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- Extra set of car keys
- Credit cards, cash or traveler’s checks
- First aid kit (compact)
- Headlamp and Flashlight (handheld)
- Battery-powered radio
- Spare batteries
- Sanitation supplies
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, etc.)

PET SUPPLIES:
- Carriers for each pet
- Leashes
- Pet food and water

ITEMS TO TAKE IF TIME ALLOWS:
- Easily carried valuables
- Family photos and other small, irreplaceable items
- Personal computer information on hard drives and/or disks (offsite or “cloud” backup is best)
- Laptop or tablet & spare chargers

GET CONNECTED
- [www.novatofire.org](http://www.novatofire.org)
- [www.novatopolice.org](http://www.novatopolice.org)
- [www.novato.org](http://www.novato.org)
- [www.marinwildfire.org](http://www.marinwildfire.org)