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- **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](http://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)
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Always do this...

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.
- Take a headlamp and flashlight (even during the day).
- 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.

When you leave...

- Leave immediately if ordered.
- Don’t wait— if you feel unsafe or conditions worsen, leave early.
- Assist elderly or disabled neighbors.
- Carpool with neighbors.
- Take only essential vehicles with adequate fuel.
- In your car, turn on headlights, close windows, turn on inside air and AC, tune to local radio.
- Drive slowly and be observant.
- Take the fastest paved route to a valley floor, away from the fire.
- Know at least two routes. Proceed downhill, away from the fire.
- If roads are impassable or you are trapped: take shelter in a building, car, or an open area; stay far from vegetation; look for wide roads, parking lots, playing fields, etc.
- If trapped, you are better protected inside a building or vehicle.
- Don’t abandon your car in the road. If you must leave your car, park it off the road.
- Evacuate on foot only as a last resort.
- Don’t evacuate by fire road, uphill, or into open-spaces near unburned vegetation.
- Remain calm— panic is deadly.

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

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

ITEMS TO TAKE IF TIME ALLOWS:
- Prescriptions medications (ask your doctor for a multi-day emergency supply, rotate annually)
- 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.)
- 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
- www.novatopolice.org
- www.novato.org
- www.marinwildfire.org