Rancho Santa Fe
Fire Protection District

Getting Out Alive



Preparing for and protecting yourself during a wildfire evacuation.

Designed for residents living within the
Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District



The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District contains multiple communities nestled within the wildland/urban interface (an area where wildland vegetation is intermixed with structures). Warm climate, dense brush, flammable vegetation and steep terrain combine for a volatile wildfire equation.

When living within the wildland/urban interface, planning ahead for evacuation is a necessity. Fire strikes without warning and moves alarmingly fast, often leaving residents with limited time to gather household belongings and mementos. This brochure offers tips to help you prepare for evacuation to ensure your family and pets make a safe escape from wildfire.

Plan, review and practice your evacuation plan with your family and neighbors. We recommend developing a "neighborhood network" with those on your street to find out how you can help each other when faced with a catastrophic emergency. Make note of neighbors who have special needs or who are unable to drive – they may need to depend on assistance from you.

Don't wait until it's too late.
Pre-plan your evacuation today!

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Keep these emergency numbers handy...

If you see fire CALL 9-1-1 immediately.

San Diego Humane Society
"Animal Rescue Reserve"
24-hour Emergencies: (619) 299-0871
www.sdhumane.org/programs/animalrescuereserve.cfm

San Diego Animal Control
24-hour Emergencies: (760) 438-1460
www.sddac.com

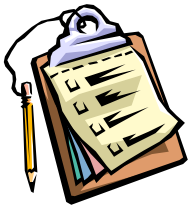
Developing An Emergency Plan

An emergency plan is an essential component to a safe and methodical evacuation during a disaster. When designing your plan with your family, be sure to include the following:

- ❑ Evacuation routes should be based on the direction the wildfire is moving. Identify a minimum of two (2) main exit routes from your neighborhood. Map out alternative routes in the event main routes are blocked. (See enclosed worksheet)

- ❑ Know the location of designated Public-Safe Zones (areas of refuge) during wildfire or other disaster situations. (See enclosed map)

- ❑ Make a list of "IMPORTANT ITEMS" that cannot be left behind:

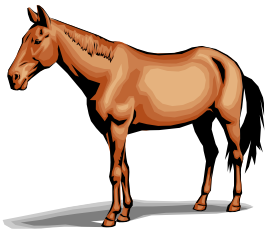


  - ❑ Medications, prescriptions and eyeglasses
  - ❑ Important documents (i.e., birth certificates, tax records, etc.)
  - ❑ Photos, art, jewelry and other important mementos
  - ❑ Pets, pet food, leash(es), pet carrier(s)

- ❑ Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit. (Sample checklist enclosed)

- ❑ Since long distance phone systems are often operational when local phone communications are overloaded, designate a relative or friend as an out-of-area contact through whom family members can relay information.

- ❑ Plan how you will transport your pets. Make arrangements far in advance for the transportation and lodging of large animals, like horses and livestock. At the minimum, make sure all your animals are wearing either a license tag or identification tag. Consider having your animals micro-chipped for identification purposes.



- ❑ If you own horses, train them to load into trailers quickly and easily. A disaster situation is not the time to trailer-break a horse.

- ❑ You may not be home when wildfire threatens, and road closures may prevent you from entering your neighborhood. Make arrangements in advance for people or pets who will be home when you are not. Pre-arrange a family meeting place outside of your neighborhood, as well.

- ❑ If you are unable to drive a car, develop a network of neighbors, friends and/or caregivers who can help you prepare for and assist you during a disaster.

When Evacuatio



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- ❑ During wildfire situations, wear cotton or wool long pants, long-sleeve shirts or jackets, gloves and a damp cloth to cover your nose and mouth. Do not wear short-sleeve shirts or synthetic fabrics.
- ❑ Back your car into the garage (facing out) keeping the windows closed and keys in the ignition.
- ❑ Close the garage door, but leave it unlocked. Disconnect the automatic garage door in case of power failure.
- ❑ Place valuable documents, family mementos, pets and other valuables in your car in the garage for a quick departure.
- ❑ Move combustible yard furniture away from the exterior of the house or store it in the garage.
- ❑ Attach garden hoses to spigots. Place hoses so they can reach any area your home.

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authorities permit re-entry.**



- ❑ Fill sinks, bathtubs and buckets with water to serve as extra water reservoirs.
- ❑ To eliminate the possibility of sparks blowing into hidden areas within the house, close window shutters if they are fire resistant and cover windows, attic openings, eave vents and sub-floor vents with fire resistant material such as 1/2-inch or thicker plywood.
- ❑ Place an aluminum ladder against the house on the side opposite the approaching fire to help firefighters access your roof quickly.
- ❑ Close all windows and doors to prevent sparks from blowing inside. Close all interior doors to slow interior fire spread.
- ❑ To make your house more visible in heavy smoke, turn porch and yard lights on and turn on a light in each room of your home.
- ❑ Shut off liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) or natural gas valves.

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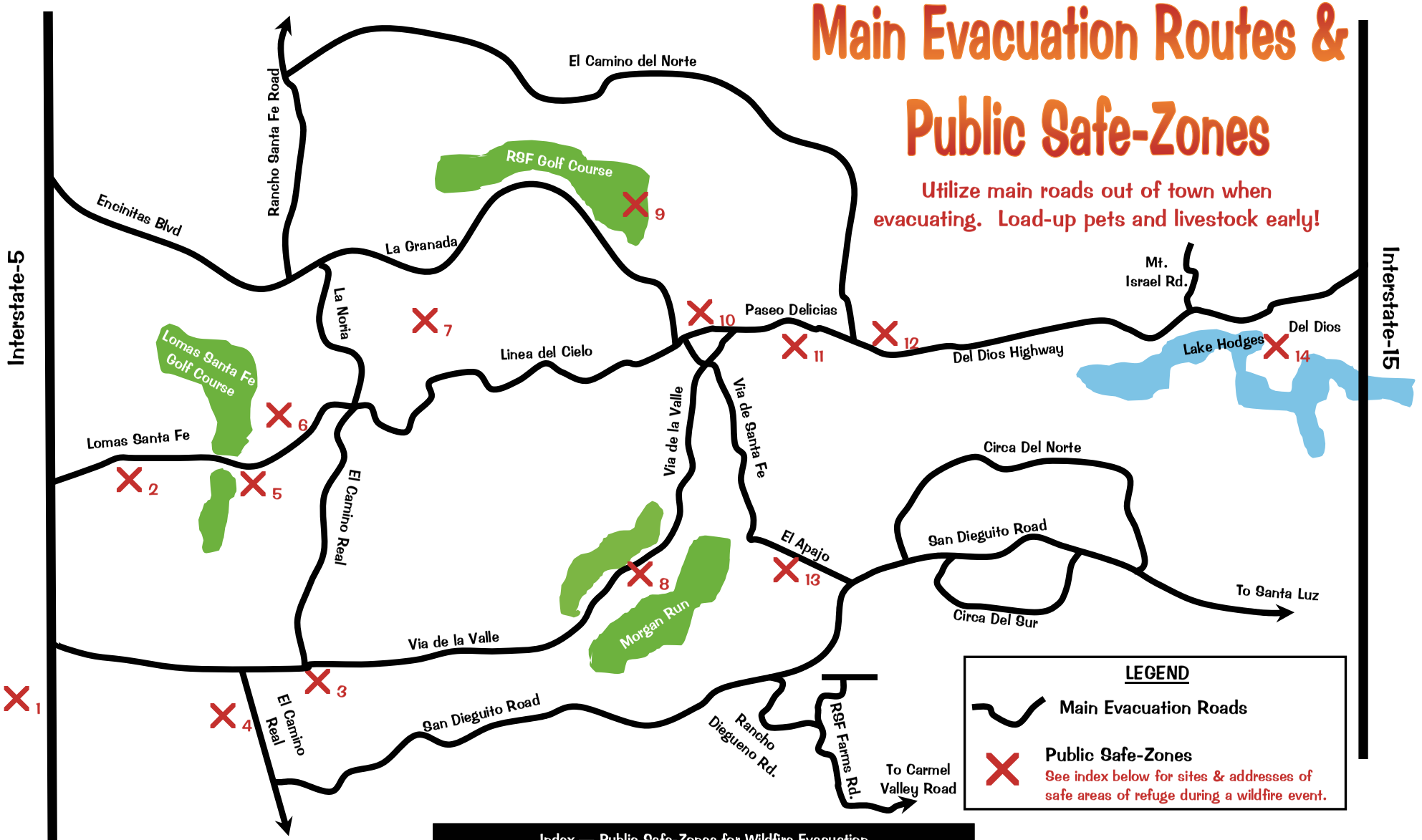
Main Evacuation Routes & Public Safe-Zones

Utilize main roads out of town when evacuating. Load-up pets and livestock early!



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No.	Site & Address	No.	Site & Address	No.	Site & Address
X_1	Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.	X_6	San Dieguito Park: Highland & Lomas Santa Fe Drive	X_{11}	Village Church: 6225 Paseo Delicias
X_2	Lomas Santa Fe Plaza: I-5 & Lomas Santa Fe (east of I-5)	X_7	Rancho Santa Fe Field: 16826 Rambla De Las Flores	X_{12}	Sahm Ranch: 7202 Del Dios Highway
X_3	Polo Field: El Camino Real & Via de la Valle	X_8	Morgan Run Parking Lot: 5690 Canche De Golf	X_{13}	Horizon Christian Fellowship & Church of Nativity: 6300 El Apajo
X_4	Show Park: Across from Polo Field on El Camino Real	X_9	Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club: 5900 Via De La Cumbre	X_{14}	Lake Hodges Parking Lot: Lake Drive, Del Dios
X_5	Lomas Santa Fe Golf Club: 1505 Lomas Santa Fe Drive	X_{10}	Christian Science Church: La Flecha & Paseo Delicias		* MAP NOT TO SCALE

Family Evacuation Plan

- Write out the main evacuation routes you would travel if wildfire was approaching your home.

If wildfire is approaching from the North: _____

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If wildfire is approaching from the South: _____

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If wildfire is approaching from the West: _____

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If wildfire is approaching from the East: _____

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- Designated "Family Meeting Places" outside your neighborhood:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- Relatives or friends living out-of-the-area to relay information through:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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Phone: _____

- Contact information for the transportation of large animals and/or livestock:

Name/Company: _____

Phone: _____

Information: _____

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- If needed, a network of neighbors, friends or caregivers who can help you evacuate during a wildfire:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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Name: _____

Phone: _____

If You Are Unable To Evacuate

If You Are Inside Your Home...

- ❑ Move furniture away from windows and sliding glass doors to prevent ignition through radiant heat.
- ❑ Remove curtains and drapes. Metal blinds or special fire resistant window coverings may be closed to block radiant heat.
- ❑ Keep all doors and windows closed, leaving them unlocked.
- ❑ Stay inside your house, away from outside walls. Stay in rooms at the opposite end of the structure from where the fire is approaching.
- ❑ Keep your entire family together and remain as calm as possible. Remember, if it gets hot in the house, the heat is even more intense outside.

If You Are Outside Your Home...

- ▸ If trapped by fire while attempting to evacuate in your car, park in an area clear of vegetation, close all vehicle windows and vents, cover yourself with a blanket or jacket and lie on the floor. Be aware the tires on your car may burst; remain inside your vehicle until the fire passes.
- ▸ If trapped by fire while attempting to evacuate on foot, find a ditch or area along the road clear of vegetation (avoid canyons as they concentrate and channel wildfire). Lie down flat and cover any exposed skin with a jacket or blanket.

Once The Fire Has Passed...

- ❑ Check the exterior of your home and roof immediately. Extinguish all sparks and embers.
- ❑ Check inside the attic for hidden burning embers.
- ❑ Continue to keep all doors and windows closed.
- ❑ Continue to check your home and yard for burning embers for at least 12 hours.



Your Emergency Supply Kit

Emergency supply kits can be used for various disaster situations like wildfires, earthquakes and floods. Supplies should be stored in easy-to-carry crates or backpacks. Your emergency supply kit should be updated twice annually and contain the following items:

- ❑ A 3-day water supply providing one gallon of water per person, per day.
- ❑ A 3-day non-perishable food supply including a can opener and kitchen utensils.
- ❑ One change of clothing and shoes per person.
- ❑ Enough blankets and/or a sleeping bag for each person.
- ❑ First aid kit, including family prescriptions and spare eyeglasses.
- ❑ Emergency tools and work gloves.
- ❑ A battery-powered radio or television and extra batteries.
- ❑ Flashlights with extra batteries.
- ❑ Matches and/or a lighter kept in a water-proof container.
- ❑ Sanitation and hygiene items.
- ❑ Special items for infants, seniors and those with disabilities.
- ❑ A credit card and cash; personal identification; extra set of car and house keys.
- ❑ Extra pet food, leash(es), and enough pet carriers to transport all pets.
- ❑ Sunglasses and/or goggles (for high wind and blowing embers).
- ❑ Entertainment (i.e., books and games for the family).

During a wildfire, always keep your flashlight and battery-powered radio with you and stay tuned to local news-radio stations like KOGO AM-600 or KFMB AM-760 for fire updates and road closures.



For more information about wildfire prevention, evacuation preparedness and disaster readiness, please consult the following:

Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District
www.rsf-fire.org

Fire Safe Council—San Diego County
www.firesafe.org/council

American Red Cross, San Diego/Imperial Counties
www.sdarc.org

FEMA—Federal Emergency Management Administration
www.fema.gov

OES—California Office of Emergency Services
www.oes.ca.gov

FireWise
www.firewise.org

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