



Emergency ~ "Ready, Set, Go"

Are you prepared?

Get Ready!

- Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire or disaster area.
- Know several different escape routes from your home and community. Drive these often so everyone in your family is familiar in case of emergency.
- Have an evacuation plan for pets and large animals such as horses and other livestock.
- Create a Family Communication Plan that designates an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact to act as a single source of communication among family members in case of separation. *(It is easier to call or message one person and let them contact others than to try and call everyone when phone, cell and Internet systems can be overloaded or limited during a disaster.)*
- Sign up for Emergency Notifications (Code Red) at www.scr911.org
- For more information visit our website at www.CityofSantaCruz.com

Prepare your family...



- Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them (*check expiration dates regularly*).
- Maintain at least half a tank of fuel in your vehicles at all times.
- Assemble a **GO-Bag** (*emergency supply kit*) for each person.
- Maintain a list of emergency contacts posted near your phone and in your GO-Bag.
- Obtain street maps for the area and county; keep them in your car. Download maps to your smart devices.
- Keep a GO-Bag in your car in case you can't get to your home because of fire or other emergency.
- Ensure your family knows where your gas, electric and water shut-off controls are located and how to safely shut them down in an emergency.
- Make your home and property more prepared with resources found at www.CityofSantaCruz.com



Our Household Safety Plan

(Complete **BEFORE** an emergency):

Head of household's name: _____

Our address: _____

In the event of a wildfire evacuation, we will meet at: _____

During a disaster, we'll take our animals to: _____

Local contact (neighbor/relative): In the event that roads are closed, our local contact to care for children & pets is:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Out of area contact/phone: _____

School Phone: _____

Other important contacts: _____

We have neighbors who may need help (persons with disabilities or persons with access & function needs):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Evacuation Plan Checklist

How to Prepare for Evacuation

Prepare for Evacuation

- Alert family members and neighbors.
- Dress in appropriate clothing (i.e. clothing made of cotton or wool & work boots). Have gloves, goggles, a dry bandana, & a dust mask handy.
- Grab your Go Bag & add last minute items.
- Tune in to a Local Radio Station: KBCZ 90.1FM, KSCO 1080AM, KZSC 88.1FM or KPIG 107.5FM
- Drink plenty of water; Prepare your family & pets!

Inside the House

- Shut all windows & doors leaving them unlocked.
- Remove flammable window shades & lightweight curtains. Close any metal shutters.
- Move flammable furniture to the center of the room away from windows & doors.
- Shut gas OFF at the source (meter or tank) & any pilot lights.
- Turn lights ON so firefighters can see your house at night or under smoky conditions.
- Shut OFF the air conditioning.

Animals and Pets

- Locate your pets. Keep them under control & nearby.
- Prepare farm animals for transport & think about moving them to a safe location.

• For more important information on being prepared visit: www.CityofSantaCruz.com/emergencystormpreparation

Outside the House

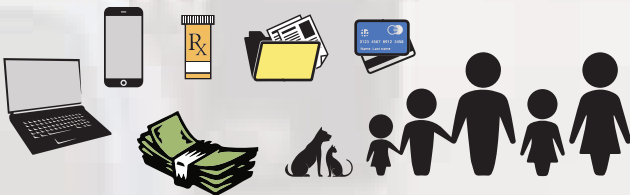
- Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house & bring them inside or move 100' from the house (patio furniture, toys, doormats, trash cans, etc.).
- TURN-OFF propane tanks or natural gas connections.
- Move propane BBQs & appliances away from structures.
- Leave exterior lights on so your home is visible at night.
- Put your GO-Bag in your vehicle.
- BACK your car into the driveway with vehicle loaded with all doors & windows closed. Carry car keys with you at all times AND have a spare!
- Seal attic & ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.
- Check on neighbors & make sure they are preparing to leave.

In Case of Fire

- Patrol your property & monitor the fire situation. Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel threatened.
- Connect garden hoses to outside water valves or spigots for use by firefighters. Fill any water buckets & place them around the house.
- DO NOT leave sprinklers on or water running as this can affect critical water pressure.
- Place a ladder at a corner of your house so firefighters can access your roof.

Remember the Six "P"s

- 1. People & pets.
- 2. Phone numbers & important documents.
- 3. Prescriptions, vitamins, & eyeglasses.
- 4. Pictures & irreplaceable memorabilia.
- 5. Personal computer & external drives.
- 6. Plastic (credit, debit and ATM cards) & cash.



Keep these 6 "P"s ready
in case immediate evacuation is required!

Basic Emergency Supply Kit

- 1. First Aid Kit.
 - 2. Battery or hand crank radio & a NOAA weather radio.
 - 3. Battery or hand crank flashlight w/ extra batteries.
 - 4. Whistle, local topographical map, & a plan.
 - 5. Wrench or pliers for shutting off utilities.
 - 6. Cell phone & Computer solar chargers or inverters.
 - 7. Dusk mask, plastic sheeting, & duct tape (shelter-in-place).
 - 8. Can opener w/ non-perishable food supply of three days.
 - 9. Waste bags, moist towelettes & plastic ties (personal sanitation).
 - 10. Water: One gallon per person per day (drinking & sanitation).
- ★ Do not forget a weather proof bag to hold everything if possible.

Go!

It is time to leave



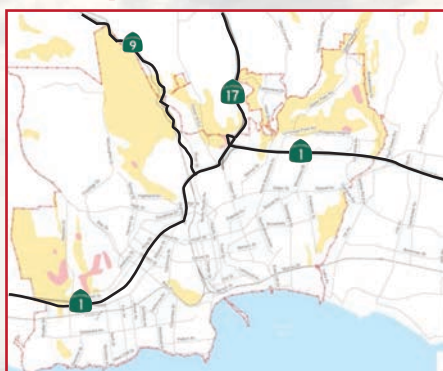
Evacuation Time!

If you feel threatened by an emergency, leave immediately! Do not wait for an evacuation order!

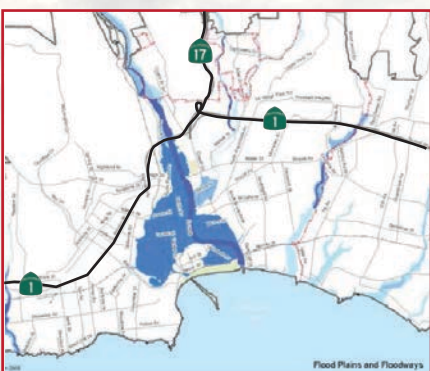
When an evacuation order is issued by public safety officials, *leave immediately* to avoid being caught in a coming emergency or road congestion. If you are advised to leave, don't hesitate!

- Officials will determine the areas to be evacuated & escape routes to use depending upon the type of emergency.
- **Know your evacuation map!** Look at possible routes you may be directed to use to escape a disaster.
- Law enforcement agencies are typically responsible for enforcing an evacuation order. Follow their directions promptly.
- You will be advised of potential evacuations as early as possible. You must take the initiative to stay informed and aware. Listen to your radio (KBCZ 90.1 FM, KSCO 1080 AM, KZSC 88.1 FM or KPIG 107.5 FM) & TV for announcements from law enforcement & other emergency personnel.
- You may be directed to a designated **Public Assembly Point** for your immediate safety and later to an evacuation shelter.
- Move yourself & others away from areas of high risks based on type of disaster. For more visit www.CityofSantaCruz.com

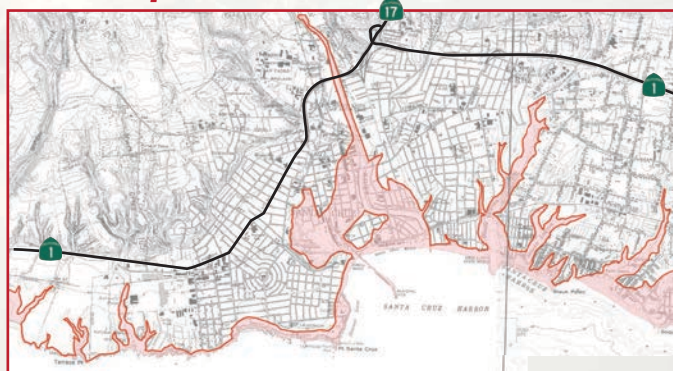
Wildfire



Flood



Earthquake / Tsunami



If you are trapped!

Use your cell phone to advise officials. **Know your location! Call 911.**

In a wildland fire...

• **Stay calm.** *If in a group stay together!*

While in your vehicle:

- Park your vehicle in an open area clear of vegetation.
- Close all vehicle windows & vents.
- Lie on vehicle floor & cover yourself with **wool** blanket or jacket.

While on foot:

- If possible find a home or building to shelter in.
- Go to an **open area** clear of vegetation, a ditch or depression on level ground if at all possible.
- Lie face down, cover up your body.

While in your home:

- Keep your family together.
- **Stay inside your house.**
- Keep doors & windows closed, but unlocked.
- Stay away from outside walls and windows.
- Fill jugs, sinks, & tubs with **cold water.**



In a flood...

• **Stay calm.** *If in a group stay together!*

- Seek a higher position if possible.

While in your vehicle:

- If you come to a flooded area, turn around & go another way.
- **DO NOT dive into flooded areas!**
- If your car stalls, abandon it **immediately!**

Seek higher ground!

While on foot:

- Return to higher ground & stay there.
- Avoid walking through **any** floodwaters.

While in your home:

- Keep your family together.
- Get your **Emergency Supplies** or **GO-Bag** together & leave if able.
- Fill jugs, sinks, & bath-tub with water.
- Move valuables upstairs if possible.
- **Turn off** all utilities.

In advance of a storm:

- Place sandbags in critical areas. Sandbags are available starting **Nov. 1st** to all City of Santa Cruz citizens in need.
- Visit www.CityofSantaCruz.com/emergencystormpreparation For more information.

In an earthquake...

• **Stay calm.** *If in a group stay together!*

- Prepare for aftershocks & a tsunami.
- Check for injuries.
- Evacuate to safety if possible.

While in your vehicle:

- Pull over to the side of the road, stop, & set the parking brake.
- Avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs & other hazards.
- **Stay inside the vehicle** until quake stops.
- **If a power line falls on the car, stay inside your vehicle** until a trained person removes the wire.

While on foot:

- Move to a clear area if you can safely do so; Avoid power lines, trees, signs, buildings, vehicles, & other hazards.

While in your home:

- Keep your family together.
- Check for fires or damage.
- Check for structural damage.
- **Turn off** gas to house.
- Check on neighbors.

Keep a copy of this plan in your car and home.



Know at least 2 Escape Routes from Your Home

more information at www.CityofSantaCruz.com



Listen to your radio

- KPIG **107.5** FM
 - KBCZ **90.1** FM
 - KSCO **1080** AM
 - KION **1460** AM
 - KGO **810** AM
- and **TV** on
KSBW or **KION**



*Plan the TWO best ways
away from the disaster*