



# Santa Clara County FireSafe Council

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## Wildfire Evacuation Preparedness Workshop

# A Santa Rosa Evacuation



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAme517Wddc>



# Our mission

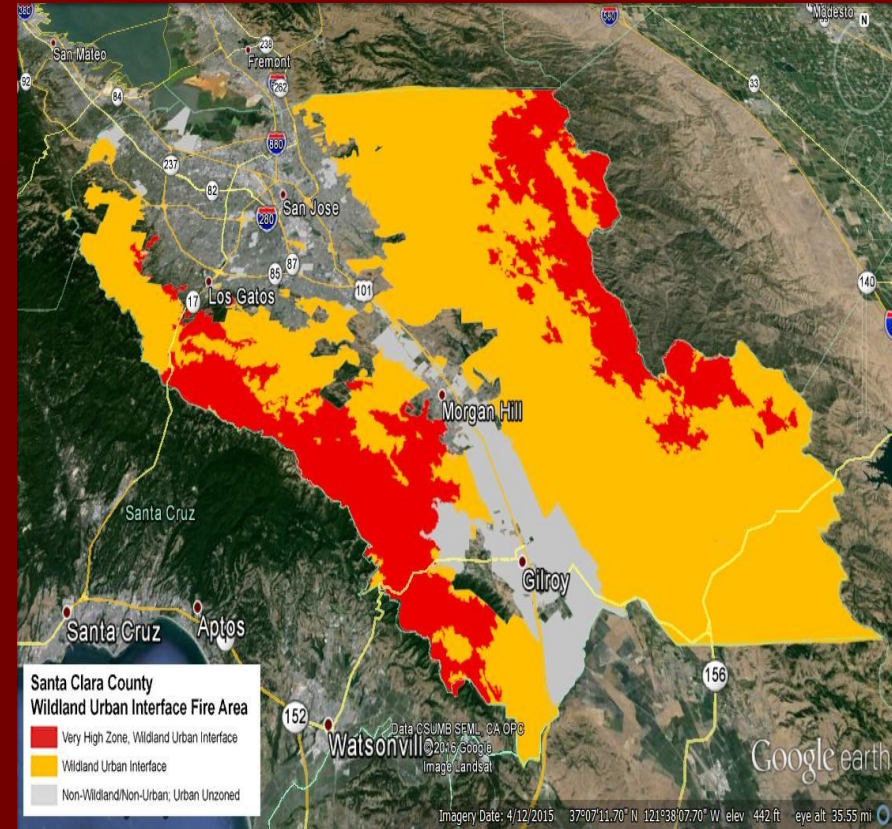
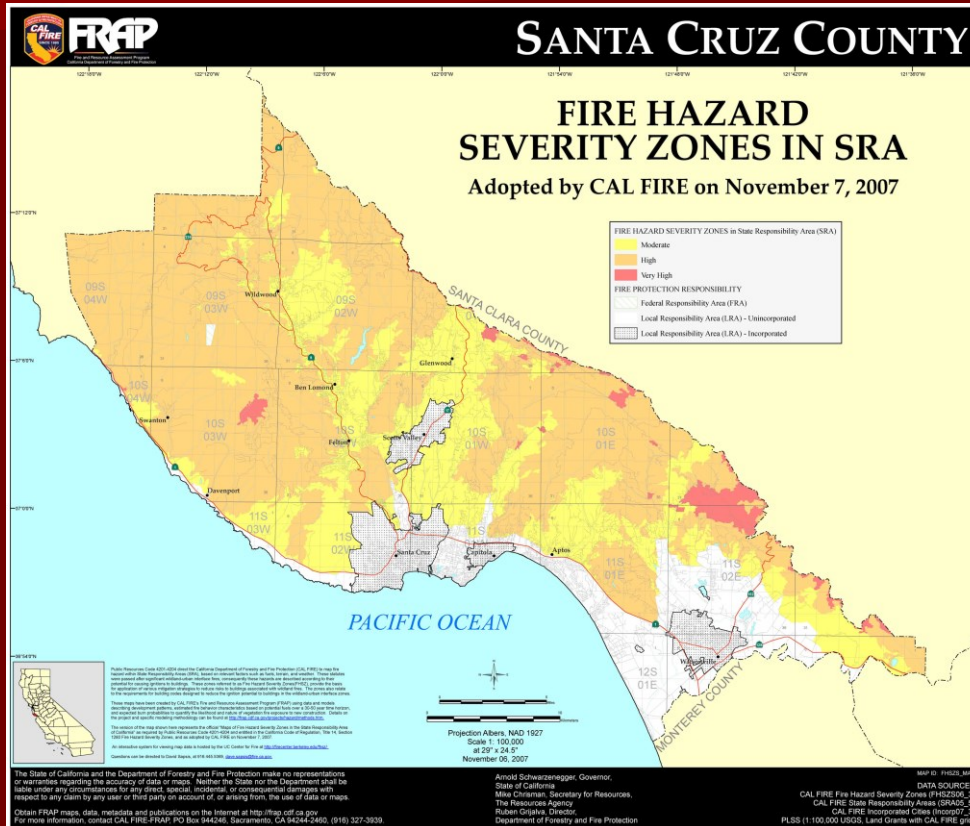
“Mobilizing the people of Santa Clara County to protect their homes, communities and environment from wildfires.”



# Today's Goals

- READY-Review defensible space/ember aware
- SET-Action Plan
  - Create your family emergency plan
  - Begin to assemble your "Go Bag"
  - Emergency/First Aid Kit Checklist
- GO- when to leave and your community evacuation map
- Q&A with Fire Department staff

# Santa Cruz and Santa Clara County WUIs



There are many communities that are considered high fire risk.



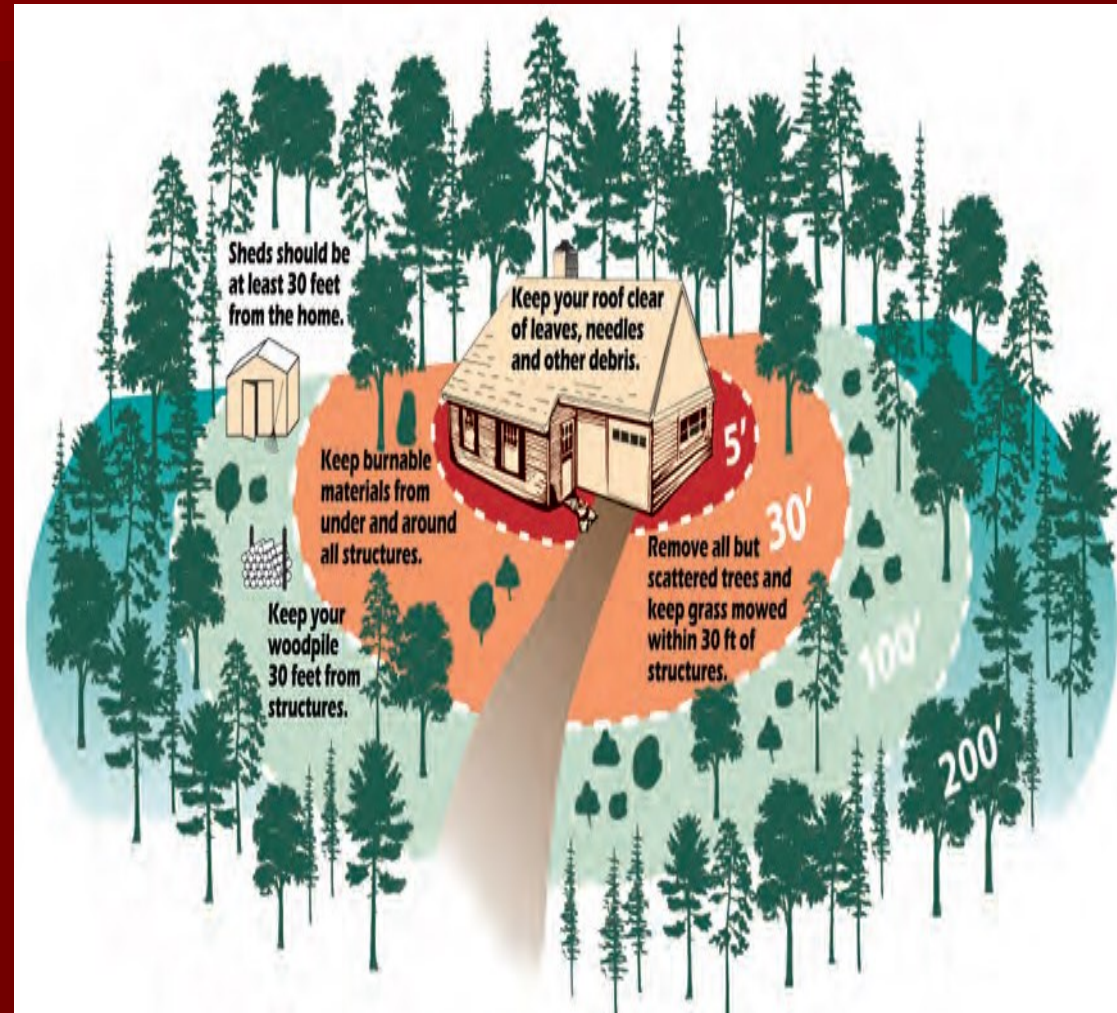
# READY?

## Defensible Space



# Defensible Space

- Creates a safe area for firefighters to protect a home
- Defensible space reduces fuels
- Protects homes
- Helps keep forests healthy



# Embers/Firebrands

- Can be carried or blown a mile or more
- Extreme conditions: dry and windy can be 5 miles

- What will it land on
- Will it self extinguish, smolder or ignite?





# Home Ignition Zone-Be Ember Aware

*Where is this home vulnerable to ember attack?*



Where do needle and leaf debris accumulate on your property?



That is where the wind will carry the embers

# SET?

## Wildfire Action Plan



# Resources: Santa Clara County

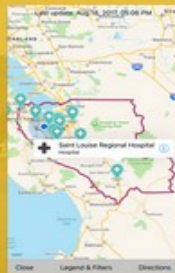
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## Sign Up for AlertSCC!



**Be prepared for a disaster.**

The ReadySCC App helps its users, citizens of the Santa Clara County, CA, to stay prepared and protect their loved ones should an emergency occur.



**Some of the features include:**

- Five-step family emergency plan creation wizard
- Important News and timely alerts from your county
- Live information on evacuation routes and shelters
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AlertSCC is a free, easy, and confidential emergency alerting service built on the Everbridge platform used by organizations around the world for their alerting needs. AlertSCC utilizes telephone voice, email, and SMS text to send alerts. For complete information visit the AlertSCC website.

The County of Santa Clara has purchased E-911 landline databases for AlertSCC. You must register directly with AlertSCC (via this website) to receive cell phone, email, and text alerts. AlertSCC is an integral piece of a comprehensive emergency communications system that the County and cities/towns use to communicate with the public during an emergency.

AlertSCC is provided by the County of Santa Clara for use by the county and its constituent cities: Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga, and Sunnyvale. AlertSCC is administered by the county's Office of Emergency Services in coordination with the county's 15 cities/towns.

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# Resources: Santa Cruz County

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Please take a moment to fill in the appropriate information below to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Examples include: evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports.

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# Be Prepared

- Create your family evacuation plan
- Assemble an emergency kit for each person and keep one in the car
- Have a fire extinguisher
- Know how to shut off gas, water and power
- Maintain emergency contact list
- Have a portable radio

**Family Disaster Plan**

Family Last Name(s) or Household Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member/Household Contact Info:

| Name  | Phone Number | Cell Phone | Email |
|-------|--------------|------------|-------|
| _____ | _____        | _____      | _____ |
| _____ | _____        | _____      | _____ |
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For emergency contact outside of our immediate area to \_\_\_\_\_

Plan of Action

1. What are the escape routes from our home? Where will we meet near our home?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. If we cannot return home or are asked to evacuate, what is our meeting place outside of our neighborhood?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is our route to get there and an alternate route, if the first route is **impractical**?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Fill out your family plan worksheet



# Family Communication Plan

- Designate someone out of state as contact
- Make sure children know own full name and parents full names
- Write down & update contact names and phone numbers
- Know how to access VM from alternate number
- Write down your meeting locations
- Meet with your family and go over the plan - practice

# Assemble your Go Bag

- 3 day supply of food and water
- Evacuation map and contact list
- Prescriptions/eyeglasses
- Extra keys/credit cards/cash/copies of important documents
- Change of clothes
- Flashlight/radio/ extra batteries
- Sanitation supplies
- Pet supplies & vaccine records



# If time allows- take what else?

- Easily carried valuables
- Photos
- PC or hard drive
- Chargers



Emergency Grab List

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_

Keep a bag and the list of last minute things to grab somewhere handy



# First Aid Kit

- Variety of bandages
- Antibiotic ointment
- Antiseptic wipes
- Tweezers
- Cold compress
- Gloves
- Gauze pads and roller bandages
- Thermometer
- Speciality supplies ie. diabetes



# Get to know your Neighbors!

- Have a “block” party
  - Share phone numbers
- NextDoor or email list
- Walk your dog
- Go for a walk
- SAY HI 😊



# Create your Evacuation Plan

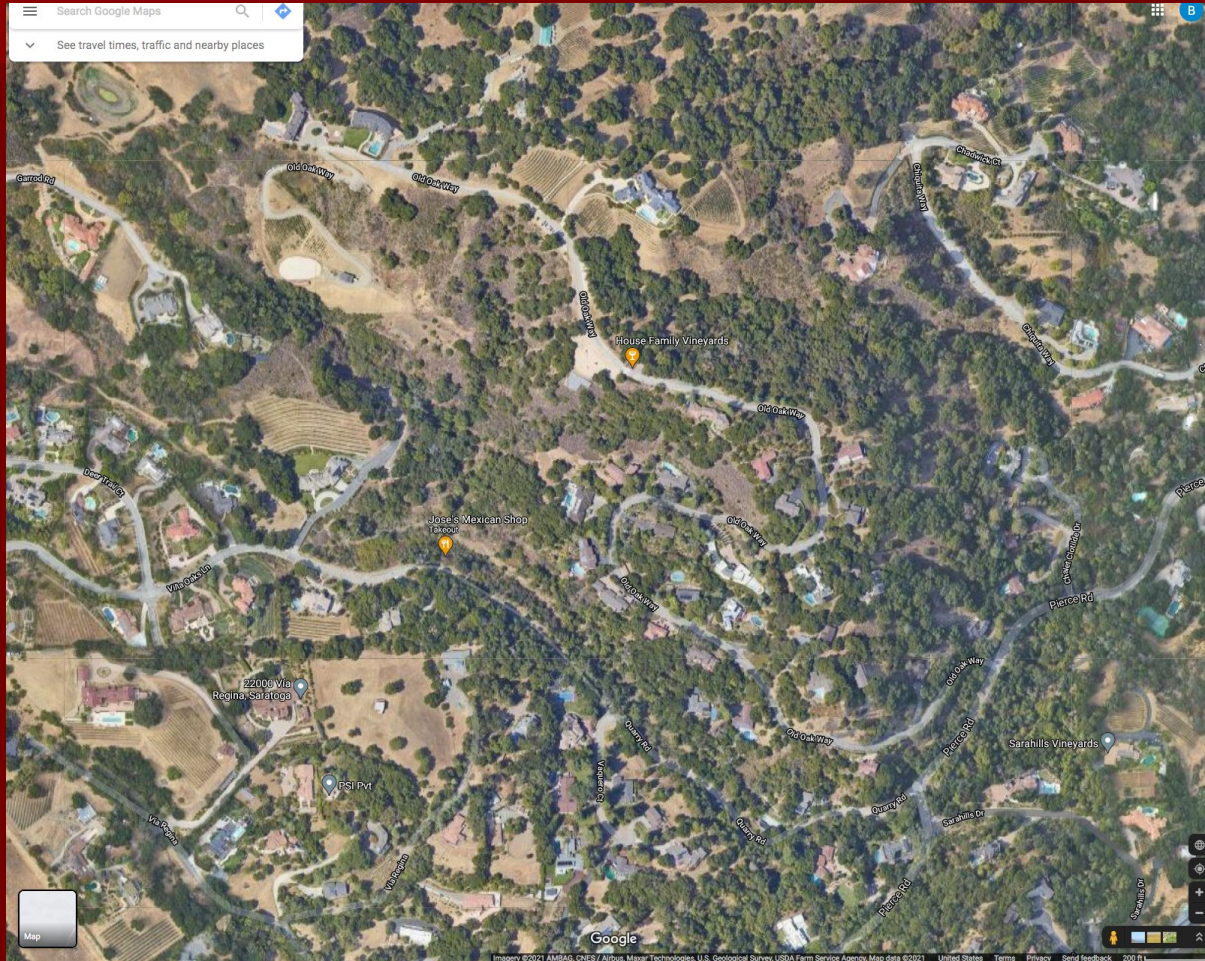
- Designate 2 meeting locations
  - One right outside home
  - One outside your neighborhood
- Know your escape routes
  - From your home
  - From your neighborhood
- Have an evacuation plan for pets and livestock
- Have a family communication plan





# Evacuation Routes

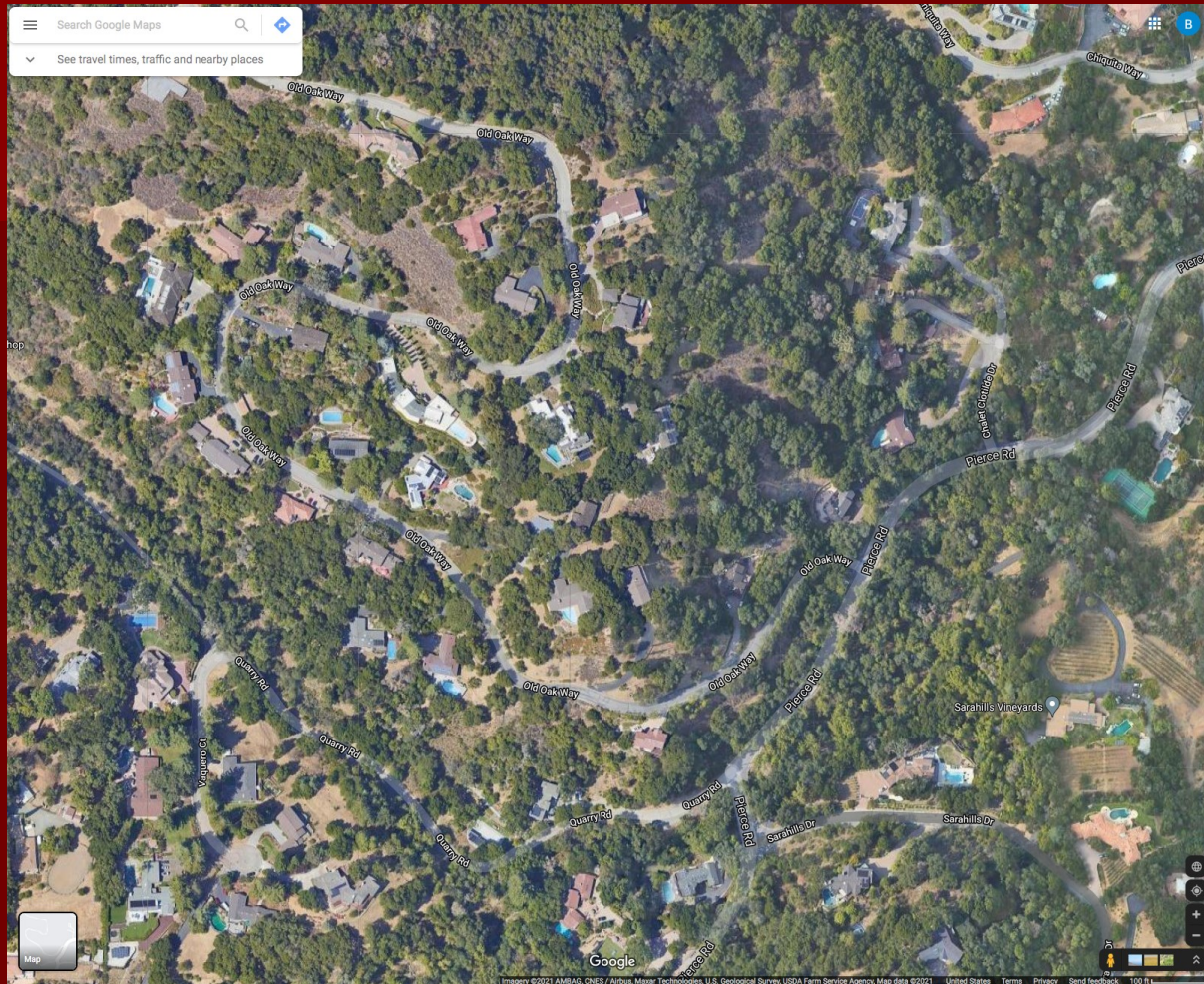
Take direction from Fire Department and Sheriff as experts in each incident.



Keep up to date, check your city/county website periodically to update the plan.



# Neighborhood Evacuation Routes



- Know your roads - Explore your neighborhood
- Know all possible evacuation routes from your home
- Know which streets are dead ends
- Do not plan to use trails!



# GO!

## Wildfire is Coming



# Pre-Evacuation steps – if time allows – Indoors

- Shut all windows and doors
- Locate your animals
- Move flammable furniture to the center of the room
- Shut off gas (and AC)-if advised in warning
- Leave your lights on
- Check your neighbors

# Pre-Evacuation steps – if time allows – Outdoors

- Put flammable items, patio furniture etc, inside or far from structures
- Turn off propane tanks
- Move BBQ away from structures
- Connect garden hoses/leave sprinklers off
- Place a ladder by the corner of your home
- Leave driveway gates unlocked even open if possible

# Garage Door & Vehicle

- Power may be out
- Manually open garage door
- Amount of gas in car





# How to pack your car

Think about the items that you will be taking and how they will fit into your vehicle.



# When it is time to leave

- Review your evacuation plan checklist
- Make sure your emergency kit is in your vehicle
- Cover up to protect yourself from embers
- Don't wait for an evacuation order - if you feel threatened - leave

# Question & Answer

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# Resources

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- Santa Cruz CodeRed
- <http://www.sccfd.org/>
- <http://SCCFireSafe.org>
- <http://fire.ca.gov/>
- <https://www.firesafesantacruz.org>
- FirewiseUSA