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Emergency

Evacuation Plan

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Pre-fire preparation:

- Create a **lean, clean and GREEN ZONE** by removing all flammable vegetation within 30 feet immediately surrounding your home. Then create a **REDUCED FUEL ZONE** in the remaining 70 feet, or to your property line.
- For complete details and methods for making your home Firewise, go to www.ButteFireSafe.org or call 877-0984.
- Clear pine needles and leaves from gutters and roof. Trim back overhanging branches at least 10 feet from chimney.
- Reduce or remove flammable vegetation, including landscaping plants and materials, and replace with those less flammable.
- Create a family evacuation plan. Your plan should include an out-of-area central point of contact.
- Collect valuables, medications and other personal items in one place and so you can be ready to evacuate quickly.
- Don't forget to include the family pets and animals in your planning. Have means of transporting animals safely. Keep in mind that Red Cross shelters do not accept pets.

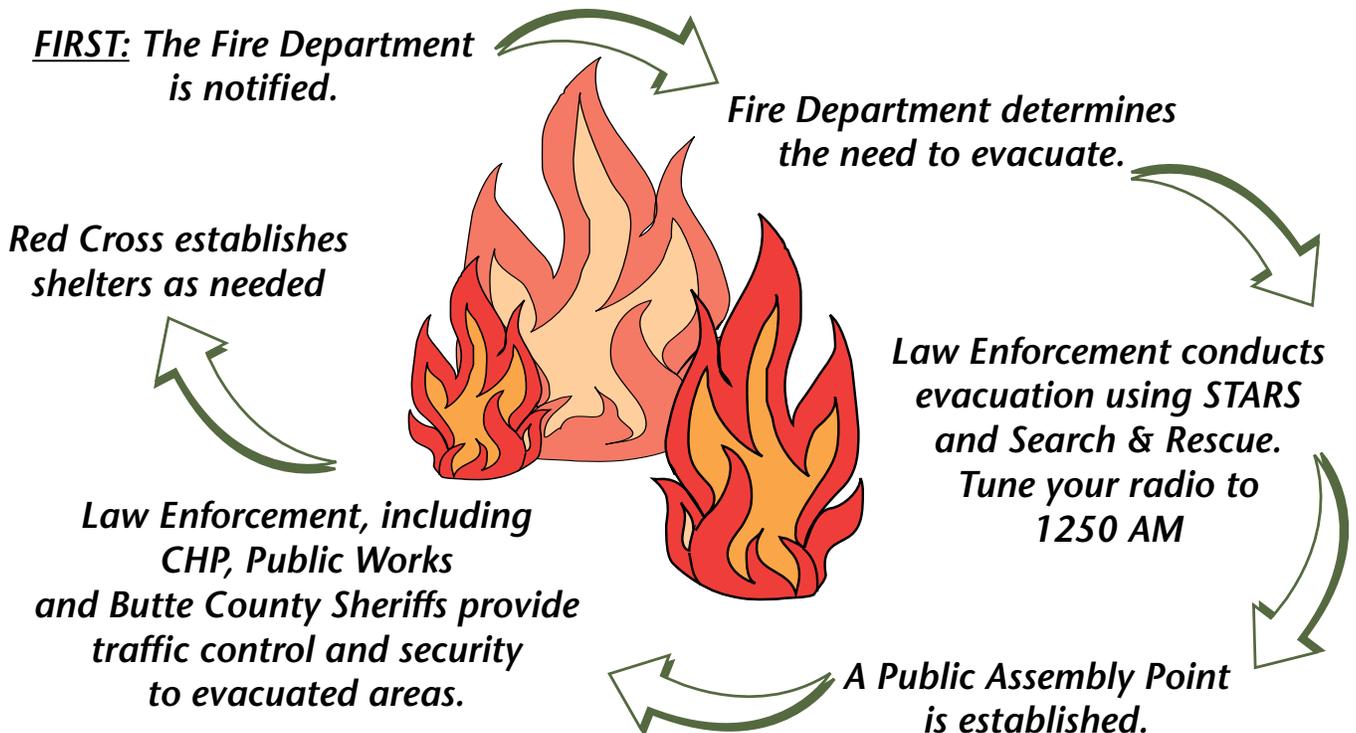


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If a wildfire approaches...

- Park your vehicle facing out. Put valuables in the car. Keep car keys easily accessible.
- Secure pets. Prepare them for transporting.
- Close shutters and drapes.
- Place a garden hose and buckets full of water around the house.
- Leave your electricity on and keep some inside lights on.
- Turn off gas at the meter or the propane tank.
- Dress in long pants, long-sleeved shirt, goggles or glasses, a bandanna to cover your face and a baseball cap. 100% cotton clothing is best.

What will happen when a wildland fire threatens?



Evacuation advisories to be prepared for:

Evacuation Notification

Residents in our community will be advised of potential hazards and the possibility of evacuation. They will be given information about travel routes and safe locations as listed below. Be prepared for any of the following alternatives:

Precautionary: Areas under a “Precautionary Evacuation” are in the fire’s influence zone. While not immediately in danger, changes in weather and/or fire conditions could rapidly cause a threatening situation to occur. Residents should be prepared to evacuate at a moment’s notice. Those needing extra time to evacuate should leave.

Immediate Threat: An “Immediate Threat Evacuation” would be issued when the fire is moving toward an area and there is an immediate threat to life and property. Whenever an area is under “Immediate Threat,” all roads in the area will be closed to incoming traffic.

Lifting of Evacuation Advisories

Precautionary evacuation advisories may stay in effect for several days. However “Immediate Threat” advisories should be rescinded when it is determined that the immediate threat is over. After the Immediate Threat is lifted, access will be limited to residents with identification.

Area Closures

Whenever an area is under “Immediate Threat,” roads in the area will be closed by the California Highway Patrol or local law enforcement.



Sheltering options: See enclosed map for routes & shelters

■ *Stay in Place*

This would be for a low intensity fire where the structures have a good clearance, are made of fire-resistant materials and the fire departments felt it was safe to stay.

■ *Public Assembly Points*

Temporary holding areas for smaller groups of people, providing a safe haven until shelter locations can be established. These locations are designated throughout the community to provide safe area that are a relatively short distance from homes. Not all mapped safety zones may be available based on the fire’s location.

■ *Shelters*

Red Cross and Butte County will establish shelters for the immediate and short-term housing for evacuated residents.



■ *Alternative Location*

Residents who don’t wish to use Red Cross shelters should determine in advance their housing options in case of evacuation. If you choose to not use a Red Cross shelter, please contact the Red Cross to provide information about your location, in case family or friends are trying to locate you.

Plan Your Escape Route

The direction of your escape will be dictated by the location of the fire in relation to your home and the direction and speed it is spreading. The attached map will help you determine the safest travel route. Please study it in advance and make sure all family members who will be driving have a copy.



If you are unable to evacuate when a fire approaches:

- Stay inside your house, away from outside walls and away from the area of fire.
- Keep all doors closed, but leave them unlocked.
- Keep your entire family together and REMAIN CALM. Remember, if it's hot in the house, it's four to five times hotter and more dangerous outside. Exit after the wildfire has passed.

After the fire passes:

- Check the exterior and roof immediately; extinguish all sparks and embers. Use caution if you must climb on the roof.
- Check inside the attic for burning embers; extinguish any you find.
- Check your yard for burning woodpiles, trees, fence posts or other materials and extinguish.

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How will citizens be notified?

- Berry Creek Radio: 1250 AM
- Home-to-home contact by emergency personnel or their volunteers.
- Emergency Alert system on radio and TV.



When can people go back to their homes?

- The Fire Department will determine when it's safe for citizens to move back into their homes. Be assured this will be done as soon as possible. Passes may be issued for local residents.
- Return notices will be announced through the media as well as at road blocks, safety zones and relocation centers.



During evacuation:

- Have your checklist and map ready listing actions you will take prior to and during evacuation.
- If you become trapped by fire while evacuating 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.
- If you are trapped by fire while evacuating on foot, lie face down in an area clear of vegetation or in a swimming pool or defensible structure.