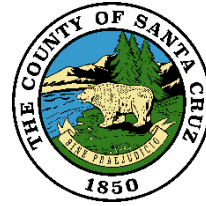


Wildfire Talking Points



- Listen to your battery-operated radio for reports and evacuation information. Follow the instructions of local officials.
- Remove flammable items from around the house such as lawn and poolside furniture, tarp coverings and firewood.
- Take down flammable drapes and curtains and close all Venetian blinds or noncombustible coverings.
- Close all doors, windows and vents inside your home to prevent draft.
- Close gas valves and turn off all pilot lights.
- Open fireplace damper. Close fireplace screens.
- Move flammable furniture into the center of the home and away from windows and sliding-glass doors.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Connect the garden hose to outside taps.
- Place lawn sprinklers on the roof and near above-ground fuel tanks. Wet the roof.
- Wet or remove shrubs within 15 feet of the home.
- Confine pets to one room. Make plans to care for your pets in case you must evacuate.
- Arrange temporary housing at a friend or relative's home outside the threatened area.
- Be ready to evacuate all family members and pets if fire nears or when instructed to do so by Santa Cruz County law enforcement officials.
- If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Take your disaster supply kit with you.
- Wear protective clothing - sturdy shoes, cotton or woolen clothing, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves and a handkerchief to protect your face.
- Lock your home.
- Tell someone when you leave and where you are going.
- Choose a route away from fire hazards. Watch for changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke.