

## Prepare Now

- Provide defensible space around structures for a distance of at least 100 feet.
- Clear flammable materials from rain gutters and roof.
- Trim tree branches at least 10 feet from chimney.
- Clear at least 10 feet around propane tanks.
- Replace flammable vegetation with less flammable plants. (See [www.bewaterwise.com/fire.html](http://www.bewaterwise.com/fire.html) for fire-resistant plant suggestions.)
- Use fire resistant materials for roofing and siding.
- Move wood piles away from house.
- Make sure your water tank is full and the hydrant is accessible and marked with a blue reflector.
- Have garden hose and ladder available that will reach the roof.
- Locate escape routes and *Temporary Safe Refuge Areas*. (See map inside.)
- Consult with your neighbors to identify other emergency evacuation routes across private properties.
- Have an escape plan. Know where to meet your family.
- Consult with your neighbors to identify individuals who will need assistance in the event of an emergency.
- If you own cats, dogs or horses make plans in advance as to how you will safely evacuate them.
- Choose an out-of-area friend or relative as a check-in contact. Write his/her name and phone number on the phone list inside.



## Evacuation Procedures

- Citizens may or may not be notified by Police or Fire personnel to evacuate. If you feel unsafe, then evacuate—DO NOT WAIT FOR OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION.
- Safely make your way out of the area. If unable to evacuate completely, go to the closest *Temporary Safe Refuge Area* (see map).
- The Red Cross will establish evacuation centers.
- If evacuated, contact the Red Cross to provide information about your status so that family or friends can be informed.
- After an area has been evacuated, the area will remain closed until the threat has passed.
- MOST IMPORTANTLY, if you feel unsafe, don't wait. Follow the checklist items and get out.

## If You Become Trapped

### In your home:

- Stay inside until the fire passes.
- Close all windows.
- Keep all doors closed, but unlocked.
- Keep family together and remain calm.
- Remember, if it gets hot inside your house, it will be much hotter outside.

### In your car:

- Park away from vegetation.
- Roll up windows.
- Cover mouth with dry cloth to protect airway.
- Cover yourself with a blanket or jacket.
- Stay in the car until the fire passes.
- If the vehicle catches on fire, exit *only* after the wildfire has passed.

### On foot:

- Find an area away from vegetation.
- Lie face down.
- Cover mouth with dry cloth to protect airway.

## After the Fire Passes

- Check the roof and exterior of your home, extinguish all sparks and embers.
- Check your attic for hidden embers.
- Check your yard for burning wood piles, trees, fence posts or other materials.

## Returning to Your Home

- Emergency Managers will decide when it is safe to return.
- Information will be available through the Atherton Police Department, media, at road blocks, shelters and *Temporary Safe Refuge Areas*.

## KEEP THIS EVACUATION PLAN FOR REFERENCE

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# Walsh Road Area

## Fire Evacuation Plan



You live in  
wildfire country...  
Are you prepared to evacuate?

## CHECKLIST: What to do if a wildfire is approaching

- Park vehicles facing outward.
- Put valuables, important documents and essentials, such as medications, in your vehicle.
- Keep keys where you can find them.
- Secure pets and prepare them for transport.
- Close shutters, windows, heavy drapes and fireplace dampers.
- Remove thin drapes and other flammables near windows.
- Turn on outside lights and leave some inside lights on.
- Wear long pants, long sleeved shirt, goggles or glasses, hat and a dry bandana over your face. Cotton clothing is best.
- Turn off gas at meter or propane tank.
- Tune in to Emergency Alert System  
**TV:** KTVU (2), KRON (4), KPIX (5), KGO (9) and KNTV (11)  
**Radio:** KZSU 90.1 FM and KCBS 740 AM
- Safely make your way out of the area. If unable to evacuate completely, go to the closest Temporary Safe Refuge Area (see map).
- Drive with headlights on.

## Important Phone Numbers

### Emergency Phone Numbers

- **Life Threatening Emergencies: 911**
- From cell phones dial Atherton Police Dept. emergency: (650) 323-6131
- Fire Dispatch: (650) 363-4961
- Comm. Alert System: [www.smcalert.info](http://www.smcalert.info)

### Non-Emergency numbers:

- Peninsula Humane Society: (650) 340-8200
- Red Cross: (650) 259-1765
- Menlo Park Fire District: (650) 688-8400
- Atherton Police Dept: (650) 688-6500
- My Contact: \_\_\_\_\_



### HINT:

Use a highlighter and mark two possible evacuation routes from your home. Note the Temporary Safe Refuge Areas if there is one on your selected routes. Remember that the best alternative MAY be on foot across adjacent properties to other neighborhoods which have better road access.

## Walsh Road Area Emergency Travel Routes & Temporary Safe Refuge Areas

