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Prepare Yourself and Your Family for an Emergency Evacuation

Pre-Incident Check List

Important Contact Information and First Action Steps

Join the Emergency Notification System
www.Nixle.com

Register for Reverse 911 and C.A.R.E.
www.Bernco.gov/911-CARE

Bernalillo County Non-Emergency Number
505-798-7000

East Mountain Interagency
Fire Protection Association
www.EMIFPA.org | 505-228-6802

United States Forest Service
www.fs.fed.us | 505-281-3304 ext. 120

Create a neighborhood emergency plan
and phone tree

Have no less than half a tank of gas
at any time during fire season

Practice evacuation and route
out of subdivision at least twice a year

Create defensible space around your home
www.firewise.org



ON THE ROAD DURING AN EVACUATION

- Stay calm, drive slowly and carefully, and obey speed limits
- Close vehicle vents and windows
- Follow sheriff's instructions to Red Cross shelter
- Check in with the Red Cross, then you may go where you want
- At shelter, instructions will be given regarding pets



THINGS TO KNOW WHEN AN EVACUATION OCCURS

- In-state communication systems may get overloaded
- Try in-state calls, out-of-state calls and texting to contact family and friends
- Each family member should have a phone list with them and follow the family evacuation plan
- Electricity and pumps to water might be down
- Roads to the East Mountains will most likely be closed



EVACUATING YOURSELF & YOUR FAMILY

Create Go Bags for the Family

In these bags, include:

- Enough **food and water** for 72 hours for each family member
- **Cotton only** blankets and clothing
- Comfortable **walking shoes**
- **Irreplaceable items** such as: computer hard drive, photos, etc.
- **Vital papers**
- **Cell phone** and cell phone **chargers** (wall and car chargers)
- **Medications and toiletries**
- **First aid kit**
- Emergency **radio** and batteries
- 2 **flashlights** and batteries, **duct tape**, **multi-tool**
- **Cash and credit cards**
- **Spare keys** for car and house
- Local, state, and national **maps**
- **Contact phone lists** for New Mexico and outside states
- East Mountain schools have a plan for evacuation. Make sure your children **understand the plan**.



EVACUATING YOUR PETS

Create Go Bags for Pets Too!

- **Food and water** for 72 hours
- **Leash and collar, food bowl,** and **poop kit**
- **Medications**, shot records, and vet contact info
- **Transport permits** are required for large animals
- Favorite **blanket** and toy
- **Pet ID** - pictures of you with your pet
- **Practice hook-up, driving** with transport trailer



WILDFIRE IN THE AREA?

DO THIS BEFORE AN EVACUATION IS CALLED

- **Gather** evacuation list
- **Close car windows, check gas, face car out**
- **Put Go Bags** and computer hard drive in car
- **Contact** family and follow preparation plan
- **Locate pets** (smoke may make them hide) and place them in a safe area
- **Prepare** farm animals for transport – hook up trailer
- **Close** all doors, windows, fireplace flue, swamp cooler, and air conditioner
- **Cover** sliding doors and windows with reflective, fire resistant covering; move furniture away from windows
- **Have hoses and sprinklers ready**, fill buckets, place ladder outside and visible to firefighters.
- **Wet down** house, roof, and yard if there is a good supply of water

EVACUATION CALLED TURN ON TV & RADIO

- Official evacuation can only be **called by sheriff's department**
- **Load animals** in vehicle, inside their crates
- **Follow sheriff's instructions** until you get to the Red Cross shelter
- **Do NOT ask deputies questions** while on evacuation route. Questions will be answered at the shelter
- **Expect heavy smoke**
- If evacuation is called, **tie a white sheet** onto property line gate/fence to notify the sheriff's department that you have left the area. (Do NOT do this if the evacuation has not been legally called)

PREPARE AN EMERGENCY FIRE BOX

Store by the main door in your home, in this box, keep:

- **Staple gun, hammer, and nails**
- **Heat reflective window covering** to put in your windows from the inside before you evacuate your home
- **White sheet** to tie onto your property line gate/fence when an evacuation is called to signal that you have left your home

