

## Evacuation Map

- ✓ Download an evacuation map from the website and highlight your home
- ✓ Highlight two routes to Highway One
- ✓ Keep the map accessible
- ✓ Refer to Checklist on the Fire Department Information Tag
- ✓ Attach Fire Department Information Tag to house when evacuating

## Fire Department Information Tag

- When you evacuate write your name, address, time of evacuation and cell phone or point of contact phone number on the enclosed tag and attach it to your front door.
- Remember when attaching these tags use a method that will be resistive to the strongest of wind. (Example: Heavy rubber band, zip tie, heavy string that can cinch around doorknob)

## Contact for more information:



CAL FIRE  
707-785-2648



Safety and Security Dept.  
The Sea Ranch Association  
707-785-2444



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# WILDFIRE EVACUATION



## Guidance for The Sea Ranch

The information in this brochure could save your life. Please read and share it with your family and friends.

## CAL FIRE Season Outlook 2020 Fire Season

Well another fire season is sneaking up on us fast. With less than average rainfall I think it is safe to assume we may have another early start to fire season in the region. Luckily we did get a little rain in March, however it had little to no impact on the long-term fuel moistures in the area. Typically, the coastal fire season starts around the end of August and lasts until the rain gets here. Historically lasting just a few months. Nowadays it's much longer.

With continued dry weather conditions, it is of the most importance that everyone do their part in taking all fire safety steps to keep themselves and the community they live in as safe as possible. Have a plan and make sure everyone in the household knows what the plan is and how to execute in the event of an emergency.

The 2019 fire season was mild in comparison to the last five years even in the face of the Kincadee fire which was the biggest fire in the state for 2019 and the biggest in Sonoma County history.

The COVID-19 epidemic has taken its toll as well. Because of this, CAL FIRE is on hold for a while with conducting LE 100 defensible space inspections. It is also causing many issues with being able to conduct hands-on trainings in group settings across the state with all agencies. CAL FIRE in conjunction with North Sonoma Coast Volunteer Fire Department will resume defensible space inspections as soon as possible.

From my travels throughout the Sea Ranch and Annapolis, I see that most residents are already maintaining and creating defensible space. This is a crucial element in the process that we are all involved in dealing with fire. Of course the goal is to create a space that enables your houses to survive an advancing fire without anyone being there. Second to this, the goal is to at least make it as safe as possible for us to be there while the fire passes by.

Take a good look at your property and don't wait for a formal inspection to start your fuels management. Defensible space around your home, following Public Resources Code 4291 (see pages 16-17), is the single most important measure you can take to increase the survivability of your home and increase the safety of the firefighters protecting it.

If you have any questions about fuels management or evacuation planning or you would like to request an inspection, please call CAL FIRE at (707) 785-2648. You can also find information specific to defensible space and evacuation planning at the CAL FIRE website <http://readyforwildfire.org/>.

The good news is that this community is well-prepared and supported for most disasters here locally. Between CAL FIRE, North Sonoma Coast Fire (NSCFPD), Coast Life Support District (CLSD), Redwood Coast Medical Services (RCMS), Sonoma County Sheriff Office, The Sea Ranch Security, California State Parks, US Coast Guard, The Sea Ranch Association, and all the other surrounding fire departments and agencies we are in pretty good shape.

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Additional information on the TSRA.org website. Emergency Info, Hazards, Fire



# Wildfire Evacuation Guidance for The Sea Ranch



## Pre-Fire Preparation:

- Create a defensible space around your home per PRC 4291 and The Sea Ranch Inspection Program.
- Call **CALFIRE** at 785-2648 with any questions or clarifications regarding PRC 4291, the inspection program or to request an inspection.
- Know every possible evacuation route from your home. Likely routes will be to Highway One and then head North or South depending on the direction the fire is traveling or direction given by Law Enforcement or Fire Personnel. An alternate safety zone may be Annapolis Road to the clearing created by the Fire Station, Airport and Verdant View.
- Mark your house on an evacuation map. Highlight two routes to Highway One. Keep this map accessible.
- Have a checklist of those things that you would **NEED** to grab if your evacuation was immediate. (Example: medications, glasses, hearing aides, pets and pet care, important paperwork, drinking water, flashlight, etc.)

**Have a checklist of those things that you would WANT to grab if you had time to prepare for your evacuation. (Example: all the above plus - valuables, photos, clothes, etc.)**

## If a Wildfire is Approaching the General Area:

- Park your vehicle facing out, pack your vehicle according to your checklist and keep keys, cell phone and flashlight easily accessible.
- Secure your pets, prepare them for transport.
- Close all windows, heavy drapes, blinds and shutters if present.
- Remove any sheer window coverings.
- Place a ladder against the house on side away from oncoming fire, this will provide easy access to the roof for firefighters.
- Move any combustible yard furniture into garage or away from home.
- Leave garden hoses (hooked up) and full buckets of water around home.
- Leave electricity **ON** and turn on porch light and some interior lights.
- Dress in long pants, long-sleeved shirt, goggles or glasses, a bandana to cover face and a baseball cap. Wear 100% cotton if possible.
- Use phones (cell and house) only when necessary, circuits can become overwhelmed potentially causing emergency calls not to go through.

## During Evacuation:

- Leave a door of your home unlocked. If firefighters make a stand at your home they will need to gain access for their own safety in the case of an unexpected fire blow up.
- If you have prepared a Fire Department Information Tag place on front door.
- Drive slowly and safely; turn headlights and flashers on.
- Be aware that emergency vehicles are likely on their way in.
- If you are trapped by fire, park as close to the inside of the road as possible without driving off the road and disabling your vehicle. Stay inside your vehicle and keep engine running, close vents, cover yourself with a blanket and get down as low as possible. Call 911 and let the dispatcher know that you are evacuating from a fire on The Sea Ranch and you have become trapped. (Give as exact of a location as possible)

## Fire Approaches Too Quickly for a Safe Evacuation:

- Stay inside your home away from the outside walls.
- Keep doors closed but unlocked.
- Call 911 and let dispatcher know that you are trapped in your home.

- It will be very hot inside the house but potentially deadly outside.

## How Will Community Members Be Notified?

### ***Life threat is immediate***

- Sheriff, Fire and Security (if safe) will make notification through their Public Address system and/or door to door.
- The Sea Ranch Association will activate their emergency message system for the area that is threatened. You will receive a phone call and/or email with information and instructions (evacuate immediately). It will require your acknowledgment.
- The county reverse 911 system will be activated.

### ***Evacuation is possible but fire has not reached an area of immediate threat***

- The Sea Ranch Association will activate their emergency message system for the area that is threatened. You will receive a phone call and/or email with information and instructions (prepare for an evacuation). It will require your acknowledgment.
- Fire and Law Enforcement personnel will constantly evaluate the need to evacuate and will provide instructions.