

CLRRA EVACUATION HANDOUT

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BE FIREWISE AND BE PREPARED

Evacuation routes:

On the attached Evacuation Plan for your property, you will find listed the primary evacuation route to use. Secondary evacuation routes have been established but will only be used and designated by the evacuation team based on the incident. Alternate routes may be necessary. Emergency personnel may instruct you to follow a secondary route. Personnel will be on scene to assist in such instances. **BLUE SIGNS WITH WHITE ARROWS INDICATE PRIMARY EVACUATION ROUTES.**

If you hear the warning fire siren, evacuate immediately.

The primary evacuation routes are listed on your Evacuation Plan by road names. You will see arrows attached to the Crystal Lakes street signs indicating the primary evacuation routes. Please respond promptly and follow directions if you are asked to evacuate. Keep in mind that responding emergency personnel and vehicles may be approaching the incident as you are evacuating. Drive lawfully and carefully.

In the case of imminent danger, you may be instructed to take refuge in a Safety Zone. Fire Department and emergency response personnel will assist if it is necessary to access a designated Safety Zone.

All members are encouraged to check your primary evacuation route, and familiarize yourselves with that route as well as secondary routes. Be prepared, and advise your guests. It is suggested that you post the Evacuation Plan in a conspicuous location (on a door or refrigerator), so that you review it frequently and refresh your plan in your mind.

Please complete the enclosed informational card and return it as soon as possible to the Firewise Task Force. You may mail the card or drop it off at the CLA office. This information will be used to confirm your Crystal Lakes physical address and the utilities used on your property.

What to do if the evacuation order comes:

<p>If the fire is near, pack up your family and leave immediately! No possession is worth endangering you or your family.</p>
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However, if you do have a few minutes here is a suggested Evacuation List. This list is only intended as a suggestion, all residents are encouraged to develop their own list.

BE PREPARED

What you can do to be prepared to evacuate:

- * Develop an evacuation list and put it in a prominent place.
- * Review the list of evacuation routes for your area.
- * Make an up-to-date home inventory by walking through your home with a video or still camera. Store a copy of this inventory in a safe location off the mountain.

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Suggested Items to Take with You:

(The SEVEN “Ps” & a Pillow)

1. **People**
2. **Pets**
3. **Photos**
4. **Prescriptions** (in original containers & eyeglasses)
5. **Precious mementos** (baby books, artwork, paintings, heirlooms)
6. **Purse/wallet**
7. **Papers** (checkbook, insurance, address book, deeds, title to vehicles)
8. **Pillow** (blankets, change of clothes)

(Courtesy of Phoenix Fire)

Additional Steps to Take if Time Allows:

- * Leave a **towel or rag on your door to inform fire crews that you have** evacuated.
- * If you have a water source near the house (cistern, pool, or hot tub) make sure that the fire crews can locate it.
- * Close your garage door, but leave it unlocked (disconnect the garage door-opener, if applicable, so door can be opened if power is out).
- * Place combustible patio furniture in the house or garage.
- * Shut off your propane at the tank.
- * Turn off all pilot lights.
- * Close exterior vents.
- * Place a ladder near the house so firefighters have easy access to the roof.
- * Connect garden hoses to outside faucets and charge the hose. **Do not leave the water running.** This could drain your well before the fire reaches your property and would eliminate that resource when the firefighters need it most.
- * Close all exterior doors and windows.
- * Close all interior doors.
- * Remove lightweight drapes or other combustible materials from around windows.
- * If available, close fire resistant drapes, shutters or blinds.
- * Move overstuffed furniture into the middle of the room.
- * Leave lights on in the house.
- * Tell your neighbors where you will be going and exchange contact information.
- * Once you have evacuated, register with the Red Cross or other coordinating agency.

If you have any questions about the information included in this handout, please contact the CRYSTAL LAKES ROAD & RECREATION ASSOCIATION through the Crystal Lakes Office at (970) 881-2250 or Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department personnel.