

Evacuation Notes

from the City of Berkeley Web Site <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/WildfireEvacuation/>

When do you evacuate?

- When an evacuation is officially ordered for your area.
 - This order will generally be delivered door-to-door
 - Official evacuation orders take time to deliver (30 minutes/ block)
- When you feel threatened by (without evacuation order)
 - Visible fire in a nearby home
 - Visible smoke/embers carried by strong winds
 - Information about threats from (<http://cityofberkeley.info/emergencyalerting/>)
 - radio (1610AM)
 - BENS
 - television
 - neighbors
 - awareness of threatening situations

How to Evacuate

- If you plan to drive (walking may be faster)
 - Make sure the roads are clear
 - The intersection of La Loma and La Vereda may be a congested due to traffic on La Loma
 - Be prepared to evacuate on foot
 - Do not block traffic. If you need to park, park off roadway.
- If you walk
 - be aware of the footpaths in your area (Cedar Path, Hilgard Path, La Vereda Steps, Le Roy Steps)
- If you need assistance
 - ask neighbors for assistance
 - call 911
- Check on neighbors and inform them of your evacuation.

Where do you go?

- Follow official personnel's directions, if available.
- If in car, drive to major streets and away from threat
- The city has several emergency evacuation stations. (Not sure what happens there.). The nearest ones are:
 - Berkeley Arts Magnet School, 2015 Virginia Street
 - Berkeley Fire Dept. Station No. 2, 2029 Berkeley Way
 - North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave at MLK Jr. Way
 - Live Oak Park
- A friend's house or parking lot outside the hazard area.
- For long term evacuation, consider a hotel or a Red Cross shelter

Evacuation Planning

- Know your neighbors. Be aware who may need assistance.
- Have a plan for communicating with neighbors in the event of evacuation.
- If you drive, consider carpooling to reduce traffic congestion.
- Have ready an evacuation go-bag with essential items.
- If you leave your car, park it off the roadway.
- If you routinely park your car on the street, park in the direction of evacuation.

City of Berkeley Information Links

- Main wildfire evacuation Web site <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/WildfireEvacuation/>
- Walk-Bike map of Berkeley--show walking paths in neighborhood http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/uploadedFiles/Public_Works/Level_3_-_General/Bike_Walk_map.pdf
- Emergency Access and Evacuation Network Map http://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/IT/Level_3_-_General/Emerg_Access_Evacuation.pdf
- Vehicular Circulation Network Map(shows major and connector streets) http://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedImages/IT/Level_3_-_General/figure10.jpg