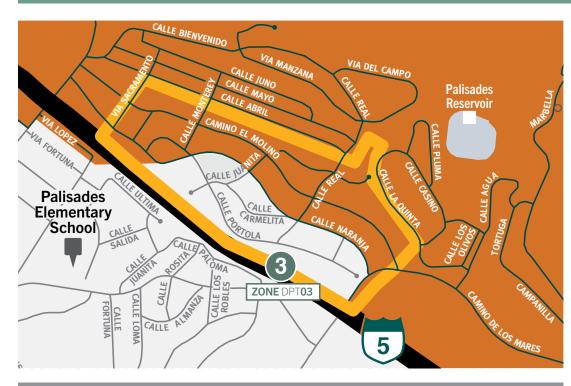
#### **ZONE AREA**

## 3 DPT03 Know two ways out.



# Scan this QR code to download your neighborhood map on your phone or tablet!

Familiarize yourself with major routes out of your neighborhood in case of an evacuation.



### Emergency Alerts and Fire Information

**Wildfires can strike suddenly and without warning.** Public safety officials will attempt to notify residents when evacuations are necessary, but this is not always possible. Advance preparation and situational awareness are required.

### **Emergency Notifications**

Notifications from **AlertOC** are targeted to areas with an imminent threat to life and safety rather than the entire city. Notifications from **Nixle** are sent to anyone registered regardless of where the incident is in the city.

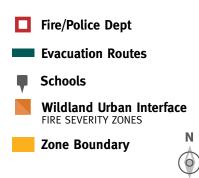
### Register for AlertOC by visiting: <u>AlertOC.org</u>

Register for Nixle by texting: <u>92629</u> to 888-777

### Both emergency alert systems are important!



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### **Evacuation Safety Tips**

### What to wear?

Wear goggles, leather gloves, and heavy shoes/ boots; protect skin with long cotton or wool clothing; protect airway and face with an N95 mask and bandana. Wear a hat to protect hair from embers.

Where to go? Proceed away from the fire and meet at your family's preestablished meeting spot outside the evacuation zone.

## Your evacuation checklist:



### Always do this...

#### If your family is in danger from a wildfire, don't wait for an evacuation order. Go Early!

### **Prep Your Communications:**

- □ Keep your cell phones fully charged and on loud/vibrate to ensure you receive emergency alerts.
- □ **Notify** an out-of-area contact of your phone number, location and status. Update regularly.
- **Leave** a note with your contact info and out-of-area contact taped to fridge or inside a front window.
- **Check** on or call neighbors to alert them.

#### Keep on Your Person:

- **Dress** household members in cotton or natural-fiber clothing.
- □ Wear full coverage goggles, leather gloves, head protection.
- **Cover** faces with a dry cotton or wool bandana or scarf over an N95 respirator.
- **Tie** long hair back.
- □ **Take** a headlamp and flashlight (even during the day).
- **Carry** car keys, wallet, ID, cell phone, and charger.
- **Drink** plenty of water, stay hydrated.
- **Put** "Go Kits" in your vehicle.

### Pets and Animals:

- **Locate** your pets and place in carriers NOW. You won't be able to catch them when the fire approaches.
- □ Be sure your pets wear tags and are registered with microchips.
- **Place** carriers (with your pets in them) near the front door, with fresh water and extra food.

### **Prep Your Home:**

Evacuating early, when possible, means you'll have time to safely prepare your home before evacuating.

- **Close** all windows and doors.
- **Shut off** air conditioning and fans.
- **Close** the fireplace flue.
- **Leave lights on,** including porch lights.
- □ **Move** outdoor combustible items (patio furniture, door mats, charcoal, firewood, lighter fluid, brooms, trash cans, etc.) away from the house or bring them inside.
- **Turn off** propane tanks.
- **Close** the garage door.
- **Connect** garden hoses to spigots and place them so they can reach any area of the house.
- **Don't leave** sprinklers on or water running as this can waste critical water pressure.

### When you leave...

- Leave immediately if ordered.
- **Don't wait**—if you feel unsafe or conditions worsen, leave early.
- □ **Assist** elderly or disabled neighbors.
- **Carpool** with neighbors to reduce traffic.
- **Take** only essential vehicles with adequate fuel. Keep car fuel tanks at least half full at all times.
- □ In your car, turn on headlights, close windows, turn on inside air and AC, tune to local radio.
- **Don't evacuate** by fire road, or into open-spaces near unburned vegetation.
- **Proceed away** from the fire. Know at least two routes out of your neighborhood.

- Drive slowly and be observant. Be aware of potential road hazards, including fire and law enforcement vehicles.
- **Don't panic** in traffic.
- Don't attempt to pick up children from school or daycare located in the evacuation zone. Teachers and staff members will respond according to the school's disaster plan.
- Drive immediately to your family's meeting location. If you're separated from one or more family members, make contact according to your communication plan.



Prepare to shelter-in-place. Most homes are exposed to a wildfire's flame front for a short time, but those 10 or 15 minutes can be terrifying. Loud noise, blinding smoke, and unbearable heat will trigger a natural urge to escape, but you must stay inside until the flame front passes. No matter how hot it gets inside, the air outside will be 4 to 5 times hotter.

- □ Keep everyone together, away from windows and outside walls
- Dress in thick, natural-fiber clothing. Wear long sleeves, long pants, goggles, a bandana or dust mask, and heavy boots to protect skin from radiant heat burns.
- **Stay hydrated.** Heat exhaustion and dehydration are serious threats during a wildfire.
- □ Make sure exit routes are clear. Leave outside doors and windows closed and close bedroom and hallway doors inside the house.
- **Keep** flashlights and fire extinguishers within reach.
- □ **Fill** sinks, bathtubs, and buckets with water. Soak towels and use them to cover gaps or cracks under doors or around windows to keep smoke and embers out.
- **Patrol** inside your home, especially the attic, for spot fires and extinguish them before they spread.
- **Stay out** of hot tubs and pools. They will not protect you from fire.



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