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## **Understanding Evacuation Orders**

Imminent Occurring In Crystal Lakes Flood Event Seek higher ground immediately if you are in a flood plain There is no time to gather personal belongings Crystal Lakes Warning Sirens Immediate Occurring in/near Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District Wildfire Evacuation Gather people and pets Leave immediately There is no time to gather personal belongings **Crystal Lakes Warning Sirens** Mandatory Larimer County/Crystal Lakes Wildfire Evacuation Gather people and pets Leave quickly Limited time to gather personal belongings Voluntary Larimer County/Crystal Lakes Wildfire Evacuation Leave if you need additional time, have health concerns, or feel unsafe Move pets/livestock out of area Move recreational vehicles out of area

Prepare for Mandatory Evacuation

#### Self-Evacuation

Any time you feel unsafe

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## When to Evacuate

#### As soon as you receive notification

- Crystal Lakes Warning Sirens
- NOCO/LETA/Reverse 911
- Sheriff's Department
- Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

## What to do in a Wildfire Evacuation

#### Immediate Evacuation

- □ Stay calm
- □ Gather people and pets
- □ There is no time to gather personal belongings
- □ Leave immediately
- □ Follow your evacuation plan

#### **Mandatory Evacuation**

- □ Stay calm
- □ Gather people and pets
- □ Prepare people: dress in pants, long-sleeved shirts (cotton/wool) & closed-toed shoes
- Prepare vehicle: back into garage, roll up windows, turn off vent/AC & leave keys in ignition
- $\Box$  Grab water for people and pets
- Grab Car Emergency Kit (water, paper towels, first aid kit, flashlight, bandanas, hats, safety glasses)
- □ Load Family GO-BOX
- □ Load Pet/Livestock GO-BOX
- □ If you have time, grab other important items: prescriptions, phone, purse/wallet, computer, photos
- $\Box$  Leave quickly
- □ Follow your evacuation plan

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## What to do in a Wildfire Evacuation (cont.)

### **Voluntary Evacuation**

- □ Stay calm
- □ Prepare people and pets/livestock
- □ Locate Family Go-Box
- □ Locate Pet/Livestock Go-Box
- Locate Car Emergency Kit (water, paper towels, first aid kit, flashlight, bandanas, hats, safety glasses)
- Gather important items such as: phone, purse/wallet, computer, photos, precious mementos, pillows, blankets, change of clothes
- Consider taking perishable and frozen foods (power may be off for extended amount of time)
- □ Move all flammable objects away from structures or put inside (mats, brooms, outdoor cushions, etc.)
- □ Move patio furniture away from house or inside & out of the way of firefighters
- □ Move firewood off decks and away from structures
- □ Move small propane bottles away from structures, flammable areas & driveways
- □ Turn off propane tank
- □ Attach and "charge" hoses to outside faucets (leave spigot turned on, but hose nozzle turned off)
- □ Lean a metal ladder against the house
- $\hfill\square$  Clear roofs and gutters of debris
- □ Remove anything flammable from underneath decks
- □ Close all windows and doors
- □ Close all exterior vents
- □ Leave lights on
- □ Turn off all fans & AC units
- □ Close all heavy window coverings, remove any light window coverings
- □ Move pets/livestock out of the area
- □ Move recreational vehicles out of the area
- □ If leaving a vehicle: roll-up windows, park on non-flammable material & out of the way of firefighters
- □ Wrap a white towel around an outside doorknob to indicate all people have evacuated
- □ Follow your evacuation plan



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### **Preparing for Evacuations**

- □ Create an evacuation plan with your family
  - Practice evacuation procedures
  - · Practice individual roles, especially if you have children
  - · Drive evacuation routes, know 2-Ways-Out
  - · Compile a list of emergency numbers, post on refrigerator & program them into all cell phones
  - · Identify safety zones & family meeting places
  - · Plan with children on what to do if parents are not home during an evacuation
- □ Meet with neighbors
  - · Discuss plans for children/pets if parents are not home during an evacuation
- □ Prepare Car Emergency Kits
- □ Create a Family GO-BOX
- □ Create a Pet/Livestock GO-BOX
- □ Update videos/photos of home & property (insurance purposes)
- □ Prepare your property
  - Create a Firewise<sup>®</sup> Home & Landscape

#### **Family Evacuation GO-BOX**

- □ Important documents: birth certificates, passports, deeds, wills, financial statements, insurance papers, etc
- □ Small supply of prescriptions, spare eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc.
- □ First Aid Kit
- □ Cash, checkbook, spare credit card
- □ Phone charger
- □ Face masks (can be helpful if fleeing a fire)
- □ Toiletries, hand sanitizer
- $\hfill\square$  Water bottles and granola bars
- □ Whistle (can be used to call for help)
- Baby: diapers, wipes, bottles, formula
- □ Pets: leashes, bowls, food, veterinary records
- List of additional items you want to gather in the event you receive an evacuation notice
- □ Tape a list of what is in your GO-BOX on top

## **EVACUATION PLANNING**

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## Pets/Livestock

#### **Be Prepared**

- □ Make sure your pets/livestock have current identification (tags & microchips)
- □ Practice evacuations with your pets/livestock
- □ Create a Pets/Livestock GO-BOX

#### Evacuation

- □ Take your pets/livestock with you
- □ Leave early with pets/livestock, do not wait for evacuation orders
- □ Keep pets on leashes or in crates (labeled with animal name and contact information)
- □ Take records, medications, food and water to last at least 3 days
- □ Grab your Pets/Livestock GO-BOX

## **Pets/Livestock GO-BOX**

- □ Proof of ownership (registration and/or adoption papers)
- $\hfill\square$  Recent photos of you and your pet
- □ Copy of veterinary records (including vaccinations)
- □ Emergency contact list
- □ Medications
- □ Care instructions
  - medical needs
  - special diet/allergies
  - feeding instructions
  - behavior issues
- □ Food for at least 3 days
  - · bowls, spoons
  - manual can opener
- $\hfill\square$  Water in gallon jugs for at least 3 days
- □ Sanitary needs
  - cat litter/pan/scoop/baggies
  - dog baggies

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## Pets/Livestock GO-BOX (cont.)

- □ Cleaning supplies
  - paper towels
  - · alcohol-based hand sanitizer
  - disinfectant
  - trash-bags
- □ Familiar Items
  - toys
  - treats
  - blankets
- Pet First Aid Kit
- □ Spare collars, leashes, harnesses, muzzles
- □ List of animal resources/animal emergency contact information
  - · friends/family
  - pet friendly hotels
  - veterinarians
  - boarding facilities
  - animal shelters
  - · people with trucks/trailers/pastures/feed

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## **Stay Informed**

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## Information During an Emergency

NOCO	www.nocoalert.org
LETA/Reverse 911	www.leta911.org
Larimer County Sheriff's Office	www.larimer.gov/emergency
Faceb	ook @LarimerSheriff
Twitter	@LarimerSheriff
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### **Important Contacts**

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department Emergency 911 Non-Emergency 970-881-3521 <u>www.clvfd.org</u>