

Sierra Academy of Expeditionary Learning Wildfire preparedness_2021

Wildfire Season is Upon Us - Are you Ready?

SAEL along with the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Office has been proactive in collaborating with Nevada County Office of Emergency Services, and local fire and law enforcement agencies in preparation for the upcoming wildfire season. **PLEASE have your plan in place for evacuations** if the notice is given at home, at school, or at your place of business. What is your plan for yourself, your children, and your pets? Consider the time of day (morning, afternoon, evening). Consider your location and that of your family (work, bus stop, school, social outings). Your plan must include many variables and your plan must be shared with your family. The Ready Nevada County website ([Ready | Nevada County, CA \(mynevadacounty.com\)](http://mynevadacounty.com)) is a wealth of information to prepare you and your family for emergencies.

The Nevada County Office of Emergency Services officially launched a new zone-based evacuation technology to complement the ongoing Ready Nevada County tools and strategy. It is important that you **KNOW YOUR ZONE** for your school site, home, business or residence of a loved one. Please go to <http://community.zonehaven.com/> to search your address and see what zone you are in. Record it, remember it, share it with your family and friends and encourage them to do the same for their home, work, or the residence of a loved one. In the event of a wildfire or other emergency situation, law enforcement and fire agencies will issue evacuation warnings or evacuation orders noting the zone of the impacted area. Authorities will use zone names in **CodeRED** and **Nixle Emergency Alerts**, media releases, and social media to quickly notify residents which areas are affected.

The Nevada County Sheriff, as well as the Grass Valley and Nevada City Police Departments, have all installed new sirens on their patrol cars and will only use them for evacuations. Go to [Hi-Lo Siren | Nevada County, CA \(mynevadacounty.com\)](http://mynevadacounty.com) to familiarize yourself with the sound. Have your evacuation plan and go bag ready ([Go Bags & Back-Up Plan | Nevada County, CA \(mynevadacounty.com\)](http://mynevadacounty.com)) to immediately evacuate if you hear it. As a reminder, if you have not signed up for Code Red, it's time to do so. Register at: Alerts or call 211 for assistance. An additional important resource to become familiar with is ReadyNevadaCounty.org/Emergency www.ReadyNevadaCounty.org/Dashboard. This site provides current and updated information on weather, wildfires, Covid19, burn days, evacuations, PSPS and more. Check it out, you will be glad you did.

The next page is a quick reference guide so you can access and share the information.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please reach out.

Please Keep you and your family safe this fire season.

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SAEL Fire Safety Quick Reference Sheet

Evacuation Zone Name: **NEV-E284**

This is how we will be informed if we need to evacuate the school.
Find the name of your zone here: [Know Your Zone](#) - You can also sign up for alerts here.

What is a Red-Flag Warning Day? It's a day where the risk of fires is extremely high.

Strong Winds (over 25 MPH)

High Temps

Low Humidity (Under 20%)

Dry Fuels

Possibility of Dry Lightning

*We do NOT need all of these conditions for a Red Flag Day

Red Flag Warning Days are also days that there may be a PSPS (Public Safety Power Shutoff)

Be Prepared:

_____ *Have food, lighting, water, and extra batteries that can cover several days

*Be ready to evacuate quickly

*Park your car towards the road or, if remote, close to the road

*Have a "Go Bag" ready

*Know how your garage opens without power (typically, it involves the red cord that hangs down)

*Keep your gas tank full

*Have a plan for your pets

*Have a plan for large animals - the fairgrounds usually acts as an animal evacuation point - their Zone Name is NCO-E095

*Do not do any work outside that could create a spark

*Red Flag Day = No Burn Day

Quick References:

[Ready Nevada County Emergency Alerts](#)

[PSPS Information](#) - Direct from PG&E

[Hi-LO Siren](#) - If you hear this, evacuate IMMEDIATELY

[Evacuation Tags](#) - Let first responders know you're safely out

[Ready Nevada County Dashboard](#) - All kinds of good info here