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EVACUATION +  
**EMERGENCY**  
PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

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## THIS INFORMATION MAY HELP SAVE YOUR LIFE IN AN EMERGENCY. KEEP FOR FUTURE USE.

As part of the Tahoe Donner Association Emergency Plan, Tahoe Donner employees and volunteers have developed this Evacuation and Emergency Preparedness Guide for all Tahoe Donner homeowners, renters and visiting guests. It was developed using up-to-date emergency planning guidance from local, state and federal authorities and in conjunction with the Town of Truckee. The keys to safe evacuation are **implementation** and **planning**, which is how we have arranged this guide.

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# EVACUATION

## EVACUATION WARNING – GET OUT, GO EARLY, DON'T RE-ENTER

- 1 IF YOU RECEIVE AN EVACUATION WARNING, PREPARE TO LEAVE AND CONSIDER LEAVING EARLY**  
Depending on how much time you have, reference the Evacuation Order Checklist on page 7.
- 2 WHEN AN EVACUATION IS ORDERED, LEAVE IMMEDIATELY**  
People have died from evacuating too late. Don't stay to save your home; those who do often become a statistic. Emergency conditions can change rapidly, so getting the most current information is your best tool in knowing how to react.
- 3 STAY CALM AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS**  
This Evacuation and Emergency Preparedness Guide cannot predict all possible evacuation scenarios. Each incident presents unique problems and may require alternative evacuation routes. This makes it imperative that you listen to and follow all directions of first responders (police, firefighters, etc.). Don't wait to be notified to evacuate - if you think it is time to evacuate, you are probably correct.
- 4 ONCE OUT, STAY OUT**  
Once out, you will not be allowed back into your home until the evacuation order is lifted. This is for your safety and the safety of emergency responders. It also reduces the chance of looting.

## STAY INFORMED

- + Nixle notifications are the recommended way to stay informed before, during and after an evacuation. **Register at [nixle.com](https://www.nixle.com).**
- + Keep your cell phone with you and on at night to receive important alerts.
- + If you have a VoIP system, register with [nixle.com](https://www.nixle.com) to receive "Reverse 911" calls.
- + Keep a landline phone available for emergency evacuation information and to receive "Reverse 911" calls.
- + Assuming your family is not all together at the time of an alert or evacuation, follow your **Family Communication Plan**. See available "Plan Ahead for Disasters" template at [tahoedonner.com/preparedness](https://tahoedonner.com/preparedness).
- + Follow directions from first responders (police, firefighters, etc.) as you evacuate. Remember, once an evacuation starts, you will not be able to get back into Tahoe Donner.
- + **IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO EVACUATE, CALL 911.**
- + Go to or monitor [fire.ca.gov/current\\_incidents](https://fire.ca.gov/current_incidents) for up-to-date information on larger, longer-running fires.
- + Call 211 for emergency updates. Do NOT call 911 for information - only call 911 if you have an emergency to report.

## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION LEVELS

Tahoe Donner is one of many subdivisions in Truckee, and all emergency responses are provided by the Town of Truckee, Truckee Fire Protection District and CAL FIRE. In the case of a wildfire, initial units on scene will determine the need for evacuations and community notifications.

### LEVELS + LANGUAGE

#### EVACUATION ORDER

There is imminent danger. Leave now; do not wait. Go now!

Choosing to stay could result in loss of life and may also impede the work of emergency personnel. *(Due to the changing nature of emergencies, this may be the only warning that people in affected areas receive.)*

#### EVACUATION WARNING

The area being warned is threatened, and evacuations are possible. People needing extra time to evacuate should consider leaving now. See page 2 for details.

#### SHELTER-IN-PLACE

Announcements advise people to stay secure at their current location by remaining in place, as evacuation will cause a higher potential for loss of life.

#### COMMUNITY ADVISORIES

Advisories will be issued when conditions warrant increased concerns such as Red Flag Warnings (see below), wind events, holidays, etc. These are times when you should be extra aware and have cell phones with you.

#### RED FLAG WARNINGS + FIRE WEATHER WATCHES

The National Weather Service issues Red Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watches to alert fire departments of the onset, or possible onset, of critical weather and dry conditions that could lead to rapid and dramatic increases in wildfire activity.

A Red Flag Warning is issued for weather events that may result in extreme fire behavior within the next 24 hours. A Red Flag Warning is the highest alert within this system. During these times, extreme caution is urged by all residents because a simple spark can cause a major wildfire.

A Fire Weather Watch is issued when critical weather conditions could exist in the next 12-72 hours. A Fire Weather Watch is one level below a Warning, but fire danger is still high.

The types of weather that can cause a Watch or Warning include low relative humidity, strong winds, dry fuels, the possibility of dry lightning strikes or any combination of the above.

It is important all residents and visitors take steps to prevent wildfires. One less spark could mean one less wildfire. Learn about fire prevention at [tahoedonner.com/fire-safety](http://tahoedonner.com/fire-safety).

## HOW WILL YOU BE NOTIFIED?

The Truckee Police Department and Truckee Fire Protection District utilize Nixle as their primary emergency alert notification system, which sends messages to your cell phone. You may also be notified via friends or relatives, phone, radio (AM, FM), TV, wireless alerts, NOAA weather alerts or "Reverse 911" calls. However, subscribing to Nixle to receive notifications is preferred.



### NIXLE + CODERED

**SMS alerts** via Town of Truckee

**Text** your ZIP Code to 888777 to opt in  
*(The ZIP Code for Tahoe Donner is 96161)*

**Subscribe** for updates at [nixle.com/city/ca/truckee](http://nixle.com/city/ca/truckee)

**Register** for CodeRED emergency alerts at  
[mynevadacounty.com/OES](http://mynevadacounty.com/OES)



### RADIO

**KTKE 101.5 FM**

Truckee station, provides emergency info

**1670 AM**

Community advisory radio station

**KOH 780 AM**

Local public radio affiliate



### TELEVISION

Both Reno and Sacramento cable and satellite television stations may carry emergency information



### FIND YOUR FIVE

Create a group of friends, family members or neighbors who commit to keeping each other informed when there is an emergency.

[mynevadacounty.com/2760/Find-Your-Five-Share-Your-Plan](http://mynevadacounty.com/2760/Find-Your-Five-Share-Your-Plan)



### "HI-LO" SIREN

All Truckee Fire Protection District and Truckee Police Department vehicles have installed and started implementing the "Hi-Lo" Siren, which sounds like the European siren, for evacuation notice. They will be used by vehicles combing the streets in emergency situations to alert residents when they need to evacuate. **"Hear the Hi-Lo - it's time to go."**



# PLANNING FOR AN EVACUATION

## EVACUATION ROUTES

- See Tahoe Donner Association Evacuation Map on back cover, and take it with you in an emergency.
- Know your destination based on the alert and your preplanning.
- Consider going to Reno or Sacramento to stay well out of the area.
- Establish an out-of-area contact person and location as a family destination.
- Print extra copies of the Tahoe Donner Association Evacuation Map available at [tahoedonner.com/preparedness](http://tahoedonner.com/preparedness). Identify your property or rental location and mark it on the map so exit routes are apparent.
- Take a copy with evacuation routes preprinted and determine your destination based on the evacuation order or your family's preplanning work.
- Go early, gather medications, go bag, pets and family members and GO!

## EVACUATION DESTINATIONS

Follow instructions and cooperate with emergency personnel. If you do not have a preplanned family destination, there are multiple community evacuation destinations to which you may be directed (likely in Reno). Notify a previously established out-of-area contact person of your location and status.

- Leave a note somewhere visible within your residence with emergency contact information for your family and your out-of-area contact person in case emergency crews need to contact you.
- Take only essential vehicles - more vehicles lead to more congestion on the road. Larger vehicles such as horse trailers and RVs clog evacuation routes and endanger everyone's lives.
- Put on long trousers, heavy shoes, cotton long sleeve shirts, gloves and scarves. No polyester or synthetics - they melt.
- Stay clear of all downed powerlines and poles. Always assume they are live.

## FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM POLICE OR OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS

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## ANIMAL EVACUATIONS

Listen to local media for animal evacuation locations. Pets/animals are not allowed at Red Cross shelters, with the exception of service animals belonging to people with disabilities, which are always allowed in shelters when they meet the qualifying criteria.

Owners are responsible for finding placement for pets/animals during an evacuation. The Red Cross prefers to co-locate animals alongside human shelters whenever possible. For animal-specific evacuation planning, visit [ready.gov/animals](http://ready.gov/animals).

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Remember that the Town of Truckee has the primary responsibility to respond to emergencies in Tahoe Donner. Tahoe Donner employees will not be available to assist you in the event of an emergency, as they have the responsibility to ready Tahoe Donner property and staff for closure and evacuation. The Town of Truckee Police Department and Truckee Fire Protection District have the primary responsibility for emergency notifications and emergency response.

# GO BAG: SUGGESTED ITEMS TO TAKE IN AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION

**A GO BAG IS A PRE-PACKED BAG OR BIN WITH ESSENTIAL ITEMS AND IS KEPT IN A READILY ACCESSIBLE LOCATION FOR USE IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF ONE'S HOME.**

## EMERGENCY ITEMS

- Cell phone/charger
- Flashlights and/or headlamps/batteries
- Portable NOAA weather radio/batteries
- Cameras, computers and backup disk
- A copy of this Evacuation + Emergency Preparedness Guide

## MEDICATIONS

- Prescriptions, analgesics and first aid kit
- Glasses/contacts, dentures and hearing aids

## MONEY

- Checking and savings books
- Purse/wallet with credit cards/cash

## FOOD + WATER

(4-7 DAYS)

- Water (one gallon per person/pet per day)
- Nonperishable, ready-to-eat food
- Manual can opener

## TOILETRIES

- Soap, towels, toothbrush and toothpaste
- Shaving supplies
- Sanitary devices

## DOCUMENTS

- Driver's and marriage licenses
- Proof of insurance (vehicle, home, life, etc.)
- Birth certificates and passports
- Stock/bond certificates
- Documents can be scanned and stored off site, stored on a cloud storage resource, saved on an encrypted drive or stored in a safe deposit box, car or go bag

## CLOTHING

- Warm/cold weather clothing for each person
- Extra shoes/boots
- Sleepwear
- Infant supplies and toys

## PETS

- Pet(s) with carriers
- ID tags, medications, leashes and food
- Vaccination/rabies certificates

## SENTIMENTAL ITEMS

- Valuable jewelry
- Military medals
- Photo albums/videos
- Family Bible, Torah, Quran or other religious books
- Irreplaceable memorabilia

## REMEMBER THE SIX "P's"

- **People** and pets
- **Papers**, phone numbers and important documents
- **Prescriptions**, vitamins and glasses
- **Pictures** and irreplaceable memorabilia
- **Personal computers**, hard drives and disks
- **"Plastic"** (credit cards, ATM cards) and cash



# WHAT TO HAVE IN YOUR FOUR-DAY SURVIVAL KIT

FOR SITUATIONS WHERE YOU MAY BE SNOWED IN OR STUCK IN YOUR HOME FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD, STORE THE FOLLOWING IN A LARGE PLASTIC CONTAINER WITH A LID:

- A good first aid kit
- One gallon of drinking water per person/pet per day for four days
- Freeze-dried and canned food - make it a variety and include hand-operated can opener
- Small shovel
- Items required for infants or small children, such as diapers, formula and bottles
- Flashlights, candles, lanterns or oil lamps with fuel
- Large box of wooden matches
- Camping stove with fuel (cook only in well-ventilated areas)
- Battery-operated radio with extra batteries
- USB Power Storage Pack for recharging mobile phones
- Cards, games, books and other things to keep your mind busy (you will still have all of your home's amenities, such as hygiene supplies, warm clothes and blankets - think of it as "camping at home")

## EVACUATION ORDER CHECKLIST

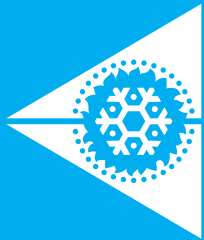
THE AMOUNT OF TIME YOU HAVE CAN CHANGE IN A MOMENT'S NOTICE. START WITH THE FIRST PRIORITY - SECURE THE STRUCTURE, PEOPLE AND PETS.

Time Available	Priority	Task
<b>EVACUATION ORDER</b>	<b>#1</b>	Load your vehicle with your pets and go bag containing medications, important documents and supplies. Get out, go and go early.
	<b>#2</b>	Close windows, vents, doors, blinds, non-combustible window coverings and drapes.
	<b>#3</b>	Turn off propane tanks, including BBQ and other portable tanks. Affix wrench to propane tank or natural gas regulator for quick access to shut off gas during an emergency. Only turn off propane or natural gas if smelled or recommended. After fire threat passes, call gas company to re-establish service if assistance is needed.
<b>EVACUATION WARNING</b>	<b>#1</b>	Keep fuel level high or full in car. Park car in driveway facing out with keys in ignition for a quick exit. Disconnect automatic garage door opener for quick access by emergency personnel.
	<b>#2</b>	Close fireplace screens and/or doors.
	<b>#3</b>	Move flammable furniture, doormats, brooms and other flammable items into the center of the home away from windows and glass doors.
	<b>#4</b>	Erect ladders against house and place firefighting tools (rake, shovel, chainsaw) in front of house.
	<b>#5</b>	Protect water sources - wet down pump house and clear flammable vegetation away from supply infrastructure.
	<b>#6</b>	Implement evacuation of livestock.
<b>PRE-EVACUATION</b>	<b>#1</b>	See Annual Pre-Emergency Planning on page 6.

### ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES

Visit [tahoedonner.com/preparedness](http://tahoedonner.com/preparedness) for links, downloads and additional resources, including:

- Plan Ahead for Disasters
- CAL FIRE - Ready, Set, Go
- Home Fires
- Family Emergency Plan
- Active Shooter
- Earthquakes
- Avalanche Awareness
- Critical Documents
- ALERTWildfire Camera



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# EMERGENCY EVACUATION MAP PREPARE + FOLLOW PLAN

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY:

## **EMERGENCY BROADCAST NOTIFICATION CHANNELS**

### **NIXLE + CODERED**

**SMS ALERTS VIA TOWN OF TRUCKEE**  
TEXT ZIP CODE TO 888777 TO OPT IN  
SUBSCRIBE AT NIXLE.COM

**SMS ALERTS VIA NEVADA COUNTY**  
REGISTER FOR CODERED EMERGENCY  
ALERTS AT MYNEVADACOUNTY.COM/OES

### **RADIO**

780 AM KKOH  
1670 AM (COMMUNITY ADVISORY RADIO STATION)  
88.7 FM KUNR  
101.5 FM KTKE

### **TELEVISION**

RENO AND SACRAMENTO STATIONS  
(CABLE AND SATELLITE) BROADCAST  
EMERGENCY ALERTS

## **BEFORE EVACUATING**

TAKE KIDS, PETS, GO!  
BRING PREPAREDNESS KIT, GO BAG + MEDICINE  
HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS

## **WHERE TO GO**

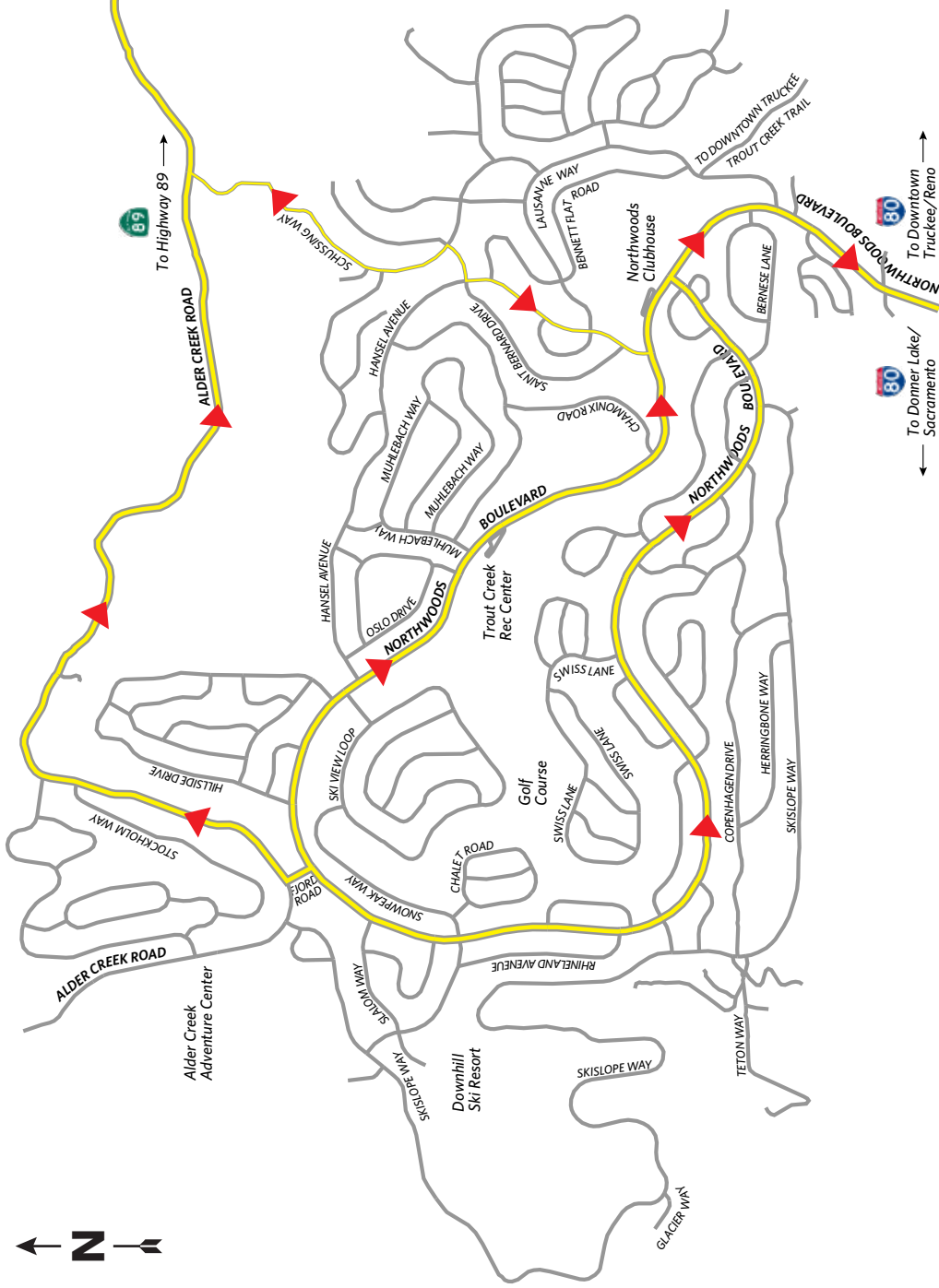
TAKE THIS MAP AND USE IT  
BOOKMARK THE EVAC MAP ON YOUR PHONE  
**IF UNABLE TO EVACUATE - NOTIFY 911**

## **DEVELOP A PERSONALIZED EVACUATION PLAN**

TAHOEDONNER.COM/PERSONAL-PLAN

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

TAHOEDONNER.COM/PREPAREDNESS  
READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG



### THIS LOCATION'S ADDRESS IS

Tahoe Donner Association recommends adding a "You Are Here" notation on the map at the above address.  
Note: This is a basic map and is subject to change as emergency conditions arise. Please sign up for notification channels, including Nixle and CoderED, to stay up to date.