

Getting Ready for the Upcoming Fire Season



Tuolumne County Sheriff

During an Evacuation

- Evacuation early helps firefighters keep roads clear of congestion and lets them move more freely to do their job.
- In an intense wildfire, we may not have time to knock on every door.
- Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office determines the areas to be evacuated and as needed in conjunction with Fire personnel.
- Sheriff's Office will notify residents and conduct evacuations in partnership with fire and other law enforcement agencies.
- Evacuated residents will be given instructions as to travel routes and safe locations.
- Law enforcement officers will be responsible for the security of evacuated areas.
- California Highway Patrol and Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department will control traffic and maintain access for emergency equipment.

Types of Evacuations

Evacuation Warning

- Issued when an evacuation order is imminent. It includes the specific geographical area that may be evacuated and procedures that should be followed to prepare for an evacuation.

Evacuation Order

- Issued when there is an immediate threat to life and/or property. The evacuation order contains specific geographic areas to be evacuated and procedures to be followed.
- Direction of route will depend upon the location of the fire in relation to your home. Emergency personnel will direct you to the safest route. **It is critical residents leave when told to evacuate!**

Evacuation Notifications

- Residents will be advised of potential hazards and the possibility of evacuation through:
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 - Tuolumne County Emergency Alert Notification System
 - www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/1170/Emergency-Alerts
 - Local radio stations
 - Mymotherlode.com
 - Door-to-Door when feasible
 - Official Social Media
 - <https://www.facebook.com/TuolumneCountySheriff>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/TuolumneCountyOES>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/TuolumneCountyFire>

Why must you follow an order?

It is critical to leave when an evacuation is ordered.

- The direction of your evacuation route will depend upon the location of the fire in relation to your home.
- Emergency personnel will direct you to the safest route.
- Do not wait until someone knocks on your door.
- Be ready to go when a warning is issued.
- Leave when ordered to do so.

