

READY GLEN ELLEN Purpose

This emergency plan was created by the Glen Ellen Forum Traffic and Safety Committee and other members of the Glen Ellen community. We encourage all residents, businesses and employees of Glen Ellen to have an emergency plan and hope this document helps you.

Our emergency personnel last October were overstretched in the catastrophic nature of the fires and wind. There are several things we can do to assist them and ourselves for future emergency events. We can take preventative measures by creating defensible space around our homes, prepare evacuation and stay in place plans, have emergency kits and stored food and water. We can form neighborhood groups to help educate, stay informed, share resources, and help each other in the time of need.

Emergency preparedness is creating “what if” scenarios and mentally responding to them, gathering the tools needed, sharing information with our neighbors, getting the training you want so you can respond as quickly and safely as possible.

Are you prepared for another fire? Flood? Earthquake?
How about Hazmat - Chemical Spills, Warfare and Nuclear?

IN CASE OF REGIONAL EMERGENCY, GLEN ELLEN COULD BE ON ITS OWN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IF NOT MORE! Some emergency scenarios could cause Glen Ellen and other communities to be without assistance or resources for several weeks if not longer. We need to have plans for medical assistance, emergency gathering places, evacuation routes, stay in place plans, food, search and rescue, and more.

The READY GLEN ELLEN plan is promoting and practicing existing emergency preparedness organization, information and training. The goal is to bring us together, share information, help ourselves and each other so we as a community and as individuals can improve our safety for future disasters.

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THE PLAN

Neighborhood groups will be created and educated gleaned from these existing programs. Periodic meetings and socials will be held and emergency plans discussed.

Cal Fire READY SET GO - The READY SET GO Wildfire Action Plan pamphlet helps you evaluate your property and helps you create "Defensible Space", make your home fire resistant, Get Set - prepare your family. It provides checklists for responding if a fire is approaching, a Go Early checklist, and developing your own Wildfire Action Plan

S.C.O.P.E. - Sonoma Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies - SCOPE promotes a neighborhood response training for emergencies. The Sonoma Valley Fire Department provides training and materials that will help organize our community into small neighborhood groups, build leadership teams that will develop a census of neighborhoods, so we can know our neighbors and their needs.

Neighborhood Watch - A national organization via our Sonoma Sheriff Department emphasizes crime prevention. Crime needs 1- Motive, 2 - Opportunity, 3 - Anonymity. The program emphasizes neighborhood networking, telephone trees, and working together. Looting is a concern with the evacuation situations. We can develop awareness practices to help remove the opportunity and anonymity prior to an emergency that can carry over into a crisis.

Glen Ellen resident experiences - We can learn from our experiences from the October fires. What worked and what didn't?

GLEN ELLEN NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY ALERT

*** A neighborhood emergency alert does not mean evacuate, but it could.

In case our area is hit with another catastrophic fire or other event that requires quick response with limited communication, we will utilize air horns and car horns to sound an alert. The SVFD is evaluating the potential of using Glen Ellen Fire Department siren as part of this plan.

How to do a Glen Ellen Neighborhood Emergency Alert

In the event emergency personnel are not in the vicinity or otherwise unavailable, any person with knowledge of our community in imminent danger can sound an alarm. Exceptions would be for chemical or nuclear disasters when we would need to stay indoors.

1 - If you are the first person to sound an alarm, you should attempt to contact 911 first so emergency personnel are responding, and/or, you could learn from 911 the extent of the emergency if possible. NOTE: 911 will become overwhelmed by calls, please only call if needed.

2 - Stand outside preferably in a place people can find you and sound the air horn or your car horn with intermittent blasts for one minute (important to not sound like a car alarm system so mix up your sounds). Pause and repeat as many times as needed to get your neighbors to respond.

3 - Share your knowledge of the emergency

What to do when you hear the alert? Air horn and or car horns - what does it mean?

* **FIGURE OUT WHAT IS GOING ON!**

Go outside and see what is happening - talk to the person sounding the alarm.

Use the phone tree - Go door to door if merited.

Help sound the alarm

Turn on your TV or Radio (KSVY 91.3 fm, and KSRO 1350 am were good in OCT)

Be signed up for Nixle and or SOCO alerts- more info on page 7

* **Be Prepared**

Get your people and pets together, go-bags, documents and medications

Review your emergency plan - if separated, where and when to meet

* **Respond**

Depending on the emergency, do what you have been training and preparing for!

Glen Ellen community emergency meet up areas

Depending on the emergency situation we may need or want to meet up. Here are a few suggested locations to find people.

- * Arnold Dr bridge between the Lodge and the Post Office. In case of a flood or earthquake dividing our town, we can gather on either side of the bridge and communicate. Do not gather on the bridge in case it is compromised.
- * Sonoma Development Center field area
- * Dunbar School
- * Sonoma Valley Regional Park near the Dog Park
- * Sonoma Mt Road at Warm Springs Rd
- * The neighborhood groups have designated meet up areas

Medical Emergency Areas This will be revised

Currently seeking 2 trailers for emergency supplies for strategic placement on north and south side of Glen Ellen.

In case of limited access to Glen Ellen medical triage areas will need to be designated.

People with injuries can be brought to these areas and people with medical skills can respond to assist. Locations need to be designated with ambulance and emergency vehicle access taken into account. Due to potential inability to communicate locations, people looking for medical assistance areas could look in these areas.

- * Post Office parking lot
- * Glen Ellen Market parking lot or London Lodge parking lot
- * Jack London Village parking lot
- * Sonoma Development Center Field
- * Dunbar School
- * Sonoma Valley Regional Park near the dog park
- * Warm Springs Rd near Sonoma Mt Rd. (not sure yet on this one)

Glen Ellen Evacuation Routes

Maps highlighting evacuation routes, main roads and off roads, will be posted on community kiosks and available on "Ready Glen Ellen" website.

Vacation Rentals

The Glen Ellen Emergency Alert, evacuation maps, and community meet up areas will be available in writing for vacation rental owners to include in the information packet for their rentals.

CHEMICAL and NUCLEAR Disasters

In most chemical spill situations the county emergency personnel will be on location and direct our community to either evacuate or stay in place. For chemical spill emergencies, it is best to avoid or limit exposure. Seek refuge inside and stay tuned to media, cell phone alerts, or local sheriffs for additional information.

Nuclear disaster or warfare are situations that are less likely to occur, however, it doesn't hurt to know what you can do. According to www.ready.gov/nuclear-blast there are three factors for protecting oneself from radiation and fallout .

- * Distance - the more distance between you and the fallout particles, the better. An underground area such as a home or office building basement offers more protection than the first floor of a building.
- * Shielding - the heavier and denser the materials - thick walls, concrete, bricks, books and earth - between you and the fallout particles, the better.
- * Time - fallout radiation loses its intensity fairly rapidly. In time, you will be able to leave the fallout shelter. Radioactive fallout poses the greatest threat to people during the first two weeks, by which time it has declined to about 1 percent of its initial radiation level.
- * A local option is to check in with your neighborhood winery and see if they have a wine cave that could be used in a nuclear disaster.

Emergency preparedness guidelines .

This is an example of information available to help you be prepared. Checklists and information are available on-line (refer to page 6)

REMEMBER, think of the potential disaster scenarios and mentally respond to them. Are you prepared? At a minimum, plan for these 3 scenarios, GET OUT NOW, Get out - but have a little time to prepare, Stay at home

1 - **Be prepared to be off the grid!** Cell phone towers and phone systems were offline for days during the 2017 October fires. No phone, no internet, no cable TV.

- * Pre-plan a designated family meet up location and specific time of day to meet in case your family is separated.
- * Create an out of area/state contact person for all family members to contact in case you are separated and unable to communicate locally.
- * Create a buddy system to check on friends and neighbors to ensure everyone is safe.
- * Use your cell phone text system. Messages often go through with low cell signal

2 - Develop an emergency plan and review it periodically with family/household members. Know how to turn off utilities and open garage doors-consider a battery backup.

3 - Develop a household evacuation plan. What to take? What to do before leaving if there is time? Where to go? Where to meet? Who will take or prepare what?

4 - Create a Go-bag/Emergency Kit - What to pre-pack

* cash, space blanket, first aid kit, duct tape, aspirin, water bottles, gloves, hat, food bars, matches, fire starter, flashlight, face masks, water filters, siphon for water/gas. electrical outlet adaptor for vehicle, knife, rain poncho, crank radio, whistle, compass, can opener, extra batteries, personal hygiene items ... add your own must haves ...

*** Medications and medical information need to be included in emergency kits !!!

Emergency kits should be three tiered for car, work, and house – include most important items, passport, credit card info, etc.

5 - Create a Stay in Place emergency stash/plan. Store supplies in a safe place in case you need to shelter in place. Include enough food and water for up to 2 weeks along with camping and cooking gear in case you have to stay outside. Include a battery operated radio and flashlights.

6 - Create an In Case of Emergency list. Include emergency contacts, credit card and other financial information, medical cards, house/renter's insurance info, passports, medication list

7 - Advance planning can include making copies of credit cards, drivers licenses, important papers, wills, etc and send to trusted person outside your region for long-term safe keeping. You can also send to yourself via email or store in the cloud or use an off site bank safe deposit boxes.

Small gun safes or document fire safes can be used to store important papers and items, they are small enough to grab and take with you. Be sure to check the fire rating of any safe you use.

8 - Digitize your irreplaceable photos. Store on a flash drive in your go bag or safe deposit box. You can also store on the cloud.

9 - Take a digital photo inventory of your house and belongings. Store in the cloud and/or a flash drive. Put in a safe place off site.

10 - Consider burying money in a waterproof container. Many people lost everything and had limited access to cash.

11 - Be prepared to evacuate your livestock and pets (from the Halter Project)

- Know best potential shelter locations for horses and livestock, and for cats, dogs, birds, exotics, and other companion animals. Shelter restrictions will vary.
- Shelter locations for people and animals will be communicated by local emergency services. Check ahead for availability.
- Identify best travel routes for any scenario -- flood, fire, earthquake, landslide. Have an alternate route as a backup.
- Prepare property access for first responders and animal evacuation team.
- Make sure all vehicles and trailers are loaded with supplies, equipment, first aid kits, and fuel tanks are full. Stage for quick animal loading and fast getaway. Check hitch, brake and tail lights.
- Ensure halters, leashes, ropes, crates, cages, etc. are ready for each animal.
- Have document binder ready, including: proof of ownership, vet records and contacts, photos, brand registration, microchip info, insurance contacts and proof of insurance, out of area emergency contacts.
- Leave duplicate documentation and info about all animals left behind for first responders and evacuation team.
- Take lots of water with you!

On Line Emergency Preparedness

These websites have links for what to do, how to do, and checklist for doing when it comes to emergency preparedness.

Halter Project specializes in large animal rescue and the information on the website is comprehensive and applicable for all of your emergency planning. The website has several links for emergency preparedness, checklists, and trainings.

halterproject.org

Ventura and Marin County have good websites with links for preparing and planning for emergency events. You can print checklists and suggestions for planning.

readyventuracounty.org.

readymarin.org

Cal Fire has a program called READY SET GO. It has lists for preparedness along with how to create a defensible space around your residence. There is also a downloadable app to help you create a safer environment around your home and property.

<http://www.readyforwildfire.org>

Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Authority the SCOPE training is encouraged for all area residents for fire prevention and emergency preparedness planning. This program will help you organize your neighborhood for the next emergency.

svfra.org

Fire Wise USA has online public education for wild fire preparedness and safety in home.

nfpa.org

Department of Homeland Security website has additional information for all types of **disasters**

[ready.gov](#) Earthquake, Flood, Nuclear, Chemical, Fire...

California Fire Safe Council is a leader in encouraging grassroots movements which make communities more Fire Safe, Firewise and Fire Adapted.

[cafiresafecouncil.org](#)

This site has an excellent emergency preparedness workbook for humans and livestock

<http://www.equinevac.org/documents/emergency-planning-workbook-courtesy-of-equineu-com-30184.pdf>

Sonoma County Emergency Preparedness web-site

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/FES/Emergency-Management/Emergency-Preparedness/>

San Francisco Chronicle Earthquake Preparedness Kit info

<http://www.sfgate.com/33498534734345/article/Make-your-own-earthquake-preparedness-kit-12288491.php>

Sonoma Valley emergency phone numbers

Emergency - 911

Sonoma County Sheriff

If you have a locked entry gate to your property and would like the Sheriff's Department to have access to your property in case of emergency, call the office number, 565-2650 to provide them with access information.

Office - 565-2650

Non-emergency dispatch number 565-2121

Sonoma Valley Fire Department

The fire department has most private gate access information for access in case of emergency. If you would like to make sure, or you have additional information for your contact file, contact the administration office.

Administration - 996-2102

Non-emergency dispatch number 576-1365

COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEMS

You must sign up to receive local alerts from the county.

NIXLE emergency alerts and information... text your ZIP CODE to 888777 for mobile alerts

SoCoAlert - County of Sonoma, California

sonomacounty.ca.gov/FES/Emergency-Management/SoCoAlert/

LOCAL INFORMATION

<http://roadconditions.sonoma-county.org>

Dial 511 for road conditions

Many people found these social media sites helpful in keeping in contact with friends and family.

glenellenca.org The Glen Ellen Forum website
nextdoor.com You can specify Glen Ellen
[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)
twitter

GLEN ELLEN Forum Traffic and Safety Committee

Please contact us ...

- * If you have skills/tools/interest in emergency disaster preparedness and would like to assist in continuing to develop and maintaining this emergency plan,
- * If you would like to sign up to participate in your neighborhood group and have not had contact from them yet. You may be asked if you can help organize your neighborhood group.
- * If you have additions or concerns regarding this information.

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