



## Evacuation Preparation *for Residents, Guests and Renters*

It's time to prepare your family for a possible evacuation out of the canyon. We are including the following checklists to help you prepare all members of your household as well as potential guests or renters in the event of an evacuation. Once you finish your planning, share it with family, guests or renters. Post it in an accessible place for quick implementation.

### Create a Household Evacuation Plan

- Designate an emergency meeting location outside the canyon.
- Appoint an out-of-the-area friend or relative as a point of contact so you can communicate with family members.
- Include in your plan the evacuation of animals including horses.
- Make plans with neighbors who might be able to evacuate your animals, shut off utilities, help with special needs people and any other protective actions, if you can't get back into the canyon.
- Post a list of emergency numbers near your phone and in your Household Evacuation Kit.
- Include a portable radio so people can stay updated on the wildfire. Frequently check local radio, television and internet outlets for updates. (AM 1300; AM 1160; FM 102.7)
- Make sure all people who use your home know how to shut-off your gas (propane tank).

## EVACUATION PREPARATION CHECKLISTS

### Assemble a Household Evacuation Kit

- Copy of your Household Evacuation Plan
- Map of evacuation routes
- Important documents and telephone numbers
- Family photos and other irreplaceable items
- Prescription medicines, eyeglasses, extra set of contacts
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Extra set of car keys
- Cash, credit card, or traveler checks if needed
- Personal computers, hard drives, charger
- Battery operated radio
- Cell phone and charger
- Sturdy shoes and a bandana to wear over mouth and nose if smoky
- First aid kit
- Water
- Special items needed for infants, children, elderly, or others with special needs
- You may want to keep an additional kit in your car in case you can't get back into the canyon.



Officials will determine the areas to be evacuated and the routes to use depending upon the fire's behavior, location, wind, terrain, etc.

**Go Early** Given the fact that we live in a heavily forested canyon with limited access, early evacuation is always a good idea. By leaving early, you give your family the best chance of surviving a wildfire. You also help firefighters by keeping roads clear of congestion, enabling them to move more freely, and do their job.

If you chose to leave early, please leave a note on your front door that your house has been evacuated. Include a phone number where you can be reached after evacuation. After you evacuate, notify your family and friends that you are safe.

**When to Leave** If possible, leave early enough to avoid being caught in fire, smoke, or road congestion. Don't wait to be told by authorities to leave. In an intense wildfire, they may not have time to knock on every door. If you are advised to leave, don't hesitate.

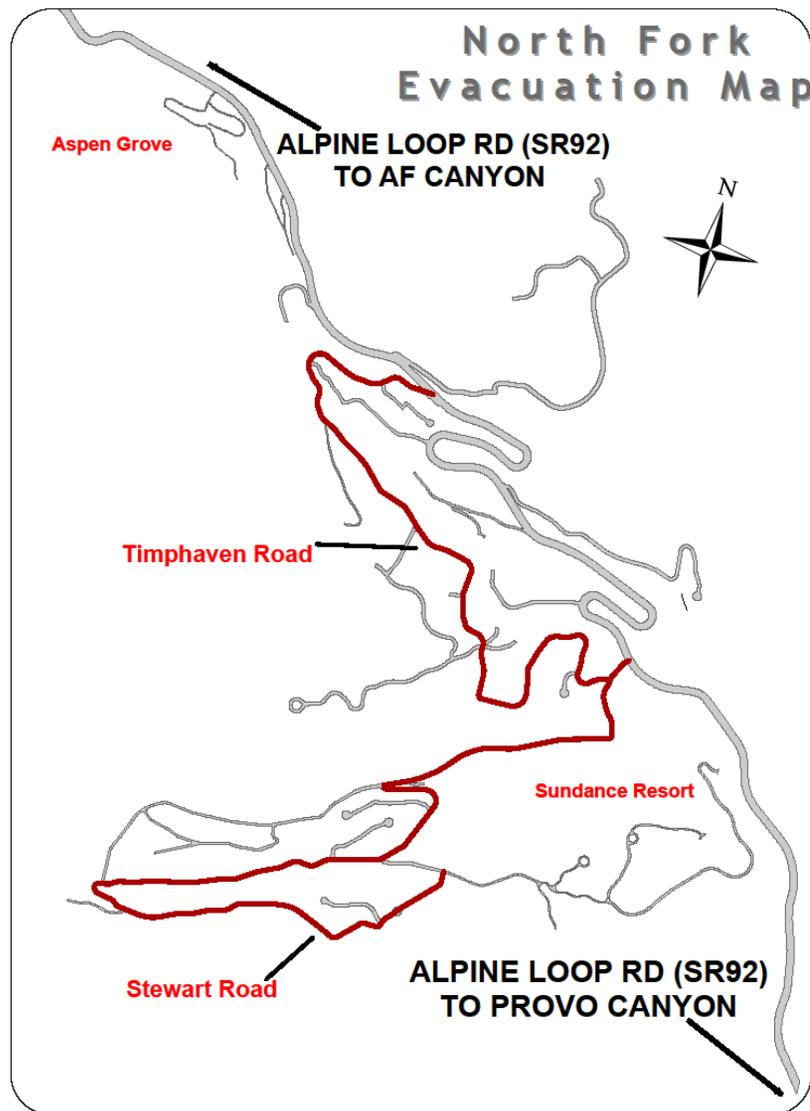
## Evacuation Notification

Evacuation notification can come in several forms.

1. **Phone call:** If you have signed up for the NFSSD City Watch Program you will receive a phone call with updated fire and evacuation information. Please update phone numbers by emailing [admin@nfssd.org](mailto:admin@nfssd.org).
2. **Local Media and AM Radio:** Frequently check local television and internet outlets for updates concerning North Fork Provo Canyon evacuations. Listen to these local radio stations for regular updates: AM 1300; AM 1160; FM 102.7
3. **Home to Home Notification:** If there is time, Utah County Sheriff's Deputies and Utah County Search and Rescue personnel will go house to house to notify occupants that it is time to evacuate.
4. **Siren:** If you hear a prolonged siren it means to leave immediately, without delay.

If you see flames near your neighborhood or home please call 911 and evacuate immediately.

## HOW TO EVACUATE



Post evacuation material where renters and guests can easily access it.

Mark where your house is located on the map and (if possible) discuss evacuation with renters or guests, particularly during high fire danger times.



## No time to evacuate from home

- Shelter away from outside walls.
- Bring garden hoses inside house so embers don't destroy them.
- Wear long sleeves and long pants made of natural fibers such as cotton.
- Stay hydrated.
- Ensure you can exit the home if it catches fire (remember if it is hot inside the house, it is four to five times hotter outside). If possible move to an area that has "blackened" or already burned.
- Fill sinks and tubs for an emergency water supply.
- Place wet towels under doors to keep smoke and embers out.
- After the fire has passed, check your roof and extinguish any fires, sparks or embers.
- Check inside the attic for hidden embers.
- Patrol your property and extinguish small fires.
- If there are fires that you cannot extinguish with a small amount of water or in a short period of time, call 911.

### SUPPORT FIRE FIGHTING EFFORTS

- **Limit cell phone use during evacuation. It will be easy to overwhelm our cell phone capacity in the canyon.**
- **Restrict use of water during evacuation. Fire fighters will need the water to fight fire.**
- **Drive slowly and cautiously. No tailgating. Stay alert. An accident during evacuation can cost lives.**

## IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO EVACUATE

### If you become trapped while in your vehicle....

- Park your vehicle in an area clear of vegetation.
- Close all vehicle windows and vents.
- Turn air conditioning to "Max" mode, or "Re-circulate".
- Cover yourself with wool or 100% cotton blanket or jacket.
- Lie on vehicle floor.
- Keep your vehicle running with headlights on.
- Use your cell phone to call 911 and notify officials of your situation and location.

### If you become trapped while on foot...

- Go to an area clear of vegetation, a ditch or depression if possible.
- Lie face down.
- Cover mouth and nose and cover up your body with cotton clothing or a large cotton coat or blanket.
- Use your cell phone to call 911 and notify officials of your situation and location.



## THINGS TO DO IF YOU HAVE TIME BEFORE EVACUATION

### Inside Checklist

- Shut all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked.
- Remove flammable window shades and curtains and close shutters.
- Remove lightweight curtains.
- Move flammable furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.
- Shut off gas and turn off pilot lights.
- Leave your inside and outside lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.
- Shut off air conditioning.

### Outside Checklist

- Move outside flammable items inside (e.g., patio furniture, toys, door mats).
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Don't leave sprinklers on or water running – they can waste critical water for firefighting
- Back your car into the driveway. Shut doors and roll up windows.
- Place a metal ladder against house to aid firefighting efforts.
- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-prepared plywood or commercial seals if time permits.

## EVACUATION DIRECTIONS

### WHERE TO GO DURING EVACUATION

If possible, choose one of the evacuation routes that will take you to the Alpine Loop Road, SR 92 (the primary road in the canyon). You will be directed by emergency personnel either down the canyon to Provo Canyon or up the canyon toward American Fork. Drive slowly and carefully, following directions of officials.

**The greatest danger during a wildfire evacuation is that we ourselves cause an accident thereby blocking the road to firefighters trying to get in and our neighbors trying to get out.**

Once you are out of the canyon, you will be told where to go to **“check in”** so authorities will know that you have successfully evacuated. You will also be told where the Red Cross Shelter location(s) are. Please take the time to make sure authorities know you are okay.

**During extreme fire conditions** there may not be enough time to facilitate a safe and timely evacuation. You may be directed to a shelter-in-place location. Please follow directions provided by emergency personnel.

