

EVACUATION INFORMATION

Loma Linda

Loma Linda is located in a *wildland/urban interface* area or “WUI”. Because of this, we are at high risk of wildfire damage. Preparation for any emergency evacuation is vital.

The emergency information in this folder should be kept in a readily accessible, highly visible place in the house. Notify any guests staying at your house of the content and location of your packet.

It is also recommended that you post a “File for Life” magnetic pocket, filled out (in pencil) and hung on the fridge door. Emergency personnel will always look for it there if they are summoned to your house for a medical emergency. Additional copies are available from the Pagosa Springs EMS.

This packet includes information about:

- 1. Grab-and-Go Bag**
- 2. Emergency notification system**
- 3. Pet evacuation**
- 4. Important emergency contact information**
- 5. “How to Prepare Your Home for Wildfires” brochure**
- 6. Map of Loma Linda**

If you have any questions or comments about this packet or the evacuation procedure, please contact Peggy Beach, 937 San Juan Dr., 970-264-0463, peggybeach9@aol.com.

“Grab and Go” Bag

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- **Water** - one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- **Food** - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to **turn off utilities**
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

Additional Emergency Supplies

Consider adding the following items to your emergency supply kit based on your individual needs:

- **Prescription medications**
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Glasses and contact lens solution
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper to disinfect water
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Source: <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>

Citizens Alert

Archuleta County Sheriff utilizes an emergency notification system that allows residents of the county to be notified of emergency situations. Notifications can be received in a variety of ways, including cell, home and work phones, and by text messaging and/or email.

Even if you are here for only a short time, use the sign-up widget on the Archuleta County website: www.archuletacounty.org/569/Citizens-Alert You can then de-register when you leave Loma Linda.

The system will be used to notify residents about imminent threats to health and safety such as the need to evacuate due to a wildfire, or take other appropriate actions in the event of a flash flood or other critical police activity. You will see the alert as coming from 888-777 ArchuletaCounty,CO. If you get an emergency notification regarding a situation in your area, the 9-1-1 systems are already very busy so please do not call. Follow the notification instructions.

If you are aware of a situation occurring in your area, do not wait for a call if you do not feel safe. Take action as you see fit depending on the emergency.

If your cell phone, work phone or email address changes, you are responsible for going to the website and updating the information. Land lines in the county on the Centurylink system are automatically enrolled in Citizen's Alert. Some cable and VoIP providers do not subscribe to the 9-1-1 database. You must inquire from your phone company.

All cell phones must be enrolled using the link above or by texting 81147 to 888777.

Disaster Preparedness for Pets

Emergencies come in many forms, and they may require anything from a brief absence from your home to permanent evacuation. Each type of disaster requires different measures to keep your pets safe, so the best thing you can do for yourself and your pets is to be prepared. Here are simple steps you can follow now to make sure you're ready before the next disaster strikes:

Step 1: Get a Rescue Alert Sticker

This will let people know that pets are inside your home. Make sure it is visible to rescue workers (we recommend placing it on or near your front door), and that it includes the types and number of pets in your home as well as the name and number of your veterinarian. If you must evacuate with your pets, and if time allows, write "EVACUATED" across the stickers

Step 2: Arrange a Safe Haven

Arrange a safe haven for your pets in the event of evacuation. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND. Remember, if it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your pets. They may become trapped or escape and be exposed to numerous life-threatening hazards. Note that not all shelters accept pets, so it is imperative that you have determined where you will bring your pets ahead of time:

- Contact a local veterinarian for a list of preferred boarding kennels and facilities.
- Ask the local animal shelter if they provide emergency shelter or foster care for pets.
- Identify hotels or motels outside of your immediate area that accept pets.
- Ask friends and relatives outside your immediate area if they would be willing to take in your pet.

Step 3: Choose "Designated Caregivers"

This step will take considerable time and thought. When choosing a temporary caregiver, consider someone who lives close to your residence. He or she should be someone who is generally home during the day while you are at work or has easy access to your home. A set of keys should be given to this trusted individual. This may work well with neighbors who have pets of their own—you may even swap responsibilities, depending upon who has accessibility.

When selecting a permanent caregiver, you'll need to consider other criteria. This is a person to whom you are entrusting the care of your pet in the event that something should happen to you. When selecting this "foster parent," consider people who have met your pet and have successfully cared for animals in the past. Be sure to discuss your expectations at length with a permanent caregiver, so he or she understands the responsibility of caring for your pet.

Step 4: Prepare Emergency Supplies and Traveling Kits

If you must evacuate your home in a crisis, plan for the worst-case scenario. Even if you think you may be gone for only a day, assume that you may not be allowed to return for several weeks. When recommendations for evacuation have been announced, follow the instructions of local and state officials. To minimize evacuation time, take these simple steps:

- Make sure all pets wear collars and tags with up-to-date identification information. Your pet's ID tag should contain his name, telephone number and any urgent medical needs. Be sure to also write your pet's name, your name and contact information on your pet's carrier.
- The ASPCA recommends microchipping your pet as a more permanent form of identification. A microchip is implanted under the skin in the animal's shoulder area, and can be read by a scanner at most animal shelters.
- Always bring pets indoors at the first sign or warning of a storm or disaster. Pets can become disoriented and wander away from home in a crisis.
- Store an emergency kit and leashes as close to an exit as possible. Make sure that everyone in the family knows where it is, and that it clearly labeled and easy to carry. Items to consider keeping in or near your "Evac-Pack" include:
 - Pet first-aid kit and guide book (ask your vet what to include)
 - 3-7 days' worth of canned (pop-top) or dry food (be sure to rotate every two months)
 - Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans are perfect)
 - Litter or paper toweling
 - Liquid dish soap and disinfectant
 - Disposable garbage bags for clean-up
 - Pet feeding dishes and water bowls
 - Extra collar or harness as well as an extra leash
 - Photocopies and/or USB of medical records and a waterproof container with a two-week supply of any medicine your pet requires (Remember, food and medications need to be rotated out of your emergency kit—otherwise they may go bad or become useless)
 - At least seven days' worth of bottled water for each person and pet (store in a cool, dry place and replace every two months)
 - A traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier, ideally one for each pet
 - Flashlight
 - Blanket
 - Recent photos of your pets (in case you are separated and need to make "Lost" posters)
 - Especially for cats: Pillowcase, toys, scoop-able litter
 - Especially for dogs: Extra leash, toys and chew toys, a week's worth of cage liner

You should also have an emergency kit for the human members of the family. Items to include: Batteries, duct tape, flashlight, radio, multi-tool, tarp, rope, permanent marker, spray paint, baby wipes, protective clothing and footwear, extra cash, rescue whistle, important phone numbers, extra medication and copies of medical and insurance information.

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Special Considerations for Horses

- Get your horse used to wearing a halter, and get him used to trailering. Periodically, you should practice quickly getting your horse on a trailer for the same reason that schools have fire drills—asking a group of unpracticed children to exit a burning building in a calm fashion is a little unrealistic, as is requesting a new and strange behavior of your horse.
- If you own a trailer, please inspect it regularly. Also, make sure your towing vehicle is appropriate for the size and weight of the trailer and horse. Always make sure the trailer is hitched properly—the hitch locked on the ball, safety chains or cables attached, and emergency brake battery charged and linked to towing vehicle. Proper tire pressure (as shown on the tire wall) is also very important.
- Get your horse well-socialized and used to being handled by all kinds of strangers. If possible, invite emergency responders and/or members of your local fire service to interact with your horse. It will be mutually beneficial for them to become acquainted. Firemen’s turnout gear may smell like smoke and look unusual, which many horses find frightening—so ask them to wear their usual response gear to get your horse used to the look and smell.
- Set up a phone tree/buddy system with other nearby horse owners and local farms. This could prove invaluable should you—or they—need to evacuate animals or share resources like trailers, pastures or extra hands!
- Keep equine veterinary records in a safe place where they can quickly be reached. Be sure to post emergency phone numbers by the phone. Include your 24-hour veterinarian, emergency services and friends. You should also keep a copy for emergency services personnel in the barn that includes phone numbers for you, your emergency contact, your 24-hour veterinarian and several friends.

Source: ASPCA Pet Care

Important Contact Information

All Emergencies 911

Archuleta County Dispatch 970-731-2160
(Non-Emergency)

Archuleta County Sheriff 970-264-8430

Pagosa Springs Police Dept. 970-264-4151

Pagosa Fire Protection District 970-731-4191

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