



EVACUATION PLAN

This Evacuation Planning brochure was prepared by the Rancho Peñasquitos Fire Safe Council.

Officials will determine the areas to be evacuated and the evacuation routes to use depending on fire behavior.

Wildfires happen suddenly. These checklists can help you be prepared in case an approaching fire requires evacuation.

If you wait too long, you may experience severe traffic congestion and panic.



Advanced Preparation

Complete this checklist before the threat!

- 1. Update your homeowners insurance
- 2. Create a home inventory
- 3. Prepare a defensible space for firefighters
- 4. Trim flammable vegetation away from wood structures
- 5. Remove flammable litter from your roof and gutters
- 6. Test your smoke alarms and change batteries
- 7. Check expiration dates on your fire extinguishers
- 8. Protect your vents and eaves from embers
- 9. Shake and pre-position your Fire Prevention Gel
- 10. Register cell phones for emergency alerts at www.readysandiego.org
- 11. Prepare a list of daily essentials
- 12. Pack Grab-and-Go Bags for each family member
- 13. Make copies — paper or electronic — of important documents
- 14. Learn your children’s school Disaster Plan
- 15. Prepare travel cases and a plan for your pets
- 16. Study the evacuation routes for your neighborhood
- 17. Know your evacuation destination
- 18. Establish a family meeting place outside of Rancho Peñasquitos
- 19. Plan for evacuation assistance, if necessary
- 20. Become familiar with “2-1-1” San Diego services

Important Websites:

- <http://www.readysandiego.org/>
- <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/>
- https://ucanr.edu/sites/fire/Prepare/Homeowner_Wildfire_Assessment/
- <http://www.livingwithfire.info/>

Get Ready to Go

If you hear there is a wildfire approaching San Diego, it is time to get ready. It is time to

PREPARE TO GO

- Load your car.
 - Grab-and-Go Bags
 - Daily essentials: money, medicine, glasses, three-day supply of clothes
 - Pet crate, pet food
 - Valuables, pictures, computers, chargers
- Dress for evacuation and wear sturdy shoes.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Turn on all outside lights.
- Pull out and attach garden hoses.
- Close fireplace dampers.
- Shut off gas at the meter.
- Move lawn furniture away from your house.
- Move barbeque grill, lawnmower and other flammables away from your house.
- Review your Out-The-Door Checklist.
- Decide on your destination. Notify family members.
- Tune into 600 or 760 AM or any local TV station.
- Be alert for an emergency notification call.
- Apply your fire prevention gel, time permitting.

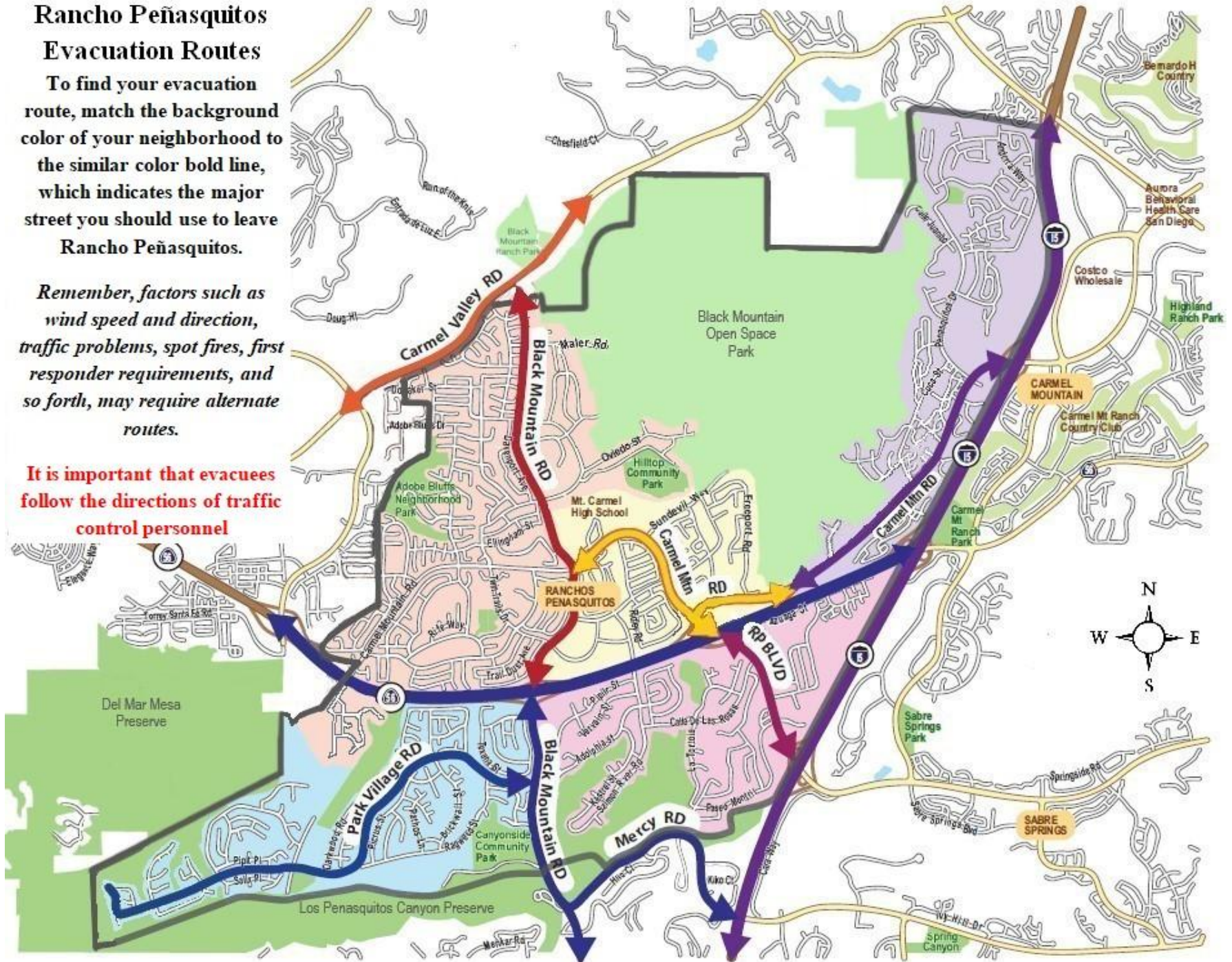
**IF YOU SEE OR SMELL SMOKE... GO!
DON'T WAIT!**

Rancho Peñasquitos Evacuation Routes

To find your evacuation route, match the background color of your neighborhood to the similar color bold line, which indicates the major street you should use to leave Rancho Peñasquitos.

Remember, factors such as wind speed and direction, traffic problems, spot fires, first responder requirements, and so forth, may require alternate routes.

It is important that evacuees follow the directions of traffic control personnel



Quick Out-the-Door

Checklist

- 1. Check that all windows and doors are closed.
- 2. Purse, wallet, keys, cell phone.
- 3. Grab-and-go Bags, daily essentials.
- 4. Be sure the garage door is closed as you depart.
- 5. **GO!**

After the Fire has Passed

- Check outside and in the attic for embers.
- Continue to be alert for spot fires around the house for a full day.
- Notify security patrols that you are safe.

There will likely be post-fire security patrols to prevent residents from entering or re-entering the area.

Important Phone Numbers

Call 911 for All Emergencies

Fire Information: 211 or on line at [@CALFIRESANDIEGO](https://www.calfiresandiego.org) or <http://www.readysandiego.org/SDEmergencyApp/>

San Diego Police, non-emergency: (858) 484-3154

San Diego County Sheriff: (858) 565-5200

Department of Animal Services: 619-236-2341 (Emergency)

SDGE Emergency Line: 1-800-611-7343

If you Become Trapped

In Your Home:

- Stay calm and keep your family together.
- Call 911 to advise officials.
- Fill sinks and tubs with cold water.
- Keep doors and windows closed.
- Remove curtains to avoid ignition by radiant heat.
- Move furniture away from windows.
- Stay inside, away from exterior walls and windows.
- Use wet towels to breathe through and to seal doors.
- Keep your fire extinguishers close by.

In Your Car:

- Stay calm and park away from vegetation.
- Call 911 to advise officials.
- Close all windows and vents.
- Cover mouth with dry cloth to protect airway.
- Cover yourself with a wool blanket or jacket.
- Lie on vehicle floor and stay in the car until the fire passes.

On Foot:

- Stay calm and find an area clear of vegetation, a ditch, or a depression on level ground.
- Call 911 to advise officials.
- Lie face down and cover up your body.
- Cover your mouth with a dry cloth to protect airway.

This brochure was adapted from Evacuation Plans developed for the Scripps Ranch and Crest Fire Safe Councils. Thank You.

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