

Los Caminitos

Fire/Emergency Evacuation Procedures

The following procedures are written specifically for the case of a fire threatening the Los Caminitos community and/or which causes the mandatory evacuation of the community by local authority.

If you spot a fire:

Call: 911, or

Call: National Forestry Service Dispatch; 438-5600

Provide your name, phone number, your current location, and the location of the smoke or fire. Do not hang up until directed to do so by the Dispatcher.

For non-emergency fire situation information:

Call: Santa Fe Dispatch; 428-3730 or 1-800-742-1144

Call: National Forestry Service; 438-5300

Call: Fire Information Hotline at 1-877-971-FIRE

They can provide you with the status of existing fires in the area and whether or not evacuation procedures are in effect.

Monitoring of a potential fire threat:

Should a fire be considered a potential threat to the community, but an evacuation has not yet been ordered, you can obtain information from the non-emergency numbers listed above. Additionally, local Albuquerque television channels will carry any breaking news. As the situation becomes more serious, police and fire emergency services will canvass the community warning of any potential danger.

Notification of an evacuation:

If an evacuation is considered necessary, police and fire authorities will canvass the community. This will be your official notification method that an evacuation has been ordered.

You may receive an automated 911 emergency telephone notification. However, based on current system capabilities, this cannot be guaranteed.

Once an evacuation is ordered, residents will be unable to return to their homes from outside the evacuation area. Thus, each resident must make prior arrangements with immediate neighbors to evacuate their children or pets, in case they themselves are not at home.

If time permits:

Turn off propane.

Take down curtains and place furniture in the center of the room.

Turn on outdoor lights.

Leave the garden hoses connected.

On leaving the house:

Leave front door unlocked.

As you leave the community, make a signal of three short blasts on your car horn, repeated frequently. This will alert others in the community of the evacuation, if they have not yet been notified. (This is a Los Caminitos local procedure only.)

Follow fire personnel directions for the evacuation route.

Evacuation Center/Destination :

After you leave Los Caminitos, please check in with the designated Red Cross Evacuation Center. The location of the Evacuation Center may be provided by the police and fire emergency personnel and will be broadcast over the emergency communication network (770 AM on your radio).

Emergency and aid services will be established there to provide any necessary shelter and relief for persons or animals affected by the evacuation of their communities. Information regarding those affected will be collected at this location.

It is recognized that some members of our community may not physically go to the designated Red Cross Evacuation Center for shelter. However, as it is the source of information regarding those affected by the fire evacuation, you should contact the Center to let them know of your condition and location. Anyone attempting to locate you can do so by contacting the Center.

A telephone contact number for the Center will not be published until necessary. It will be available on local television and radio stations.

If unable to evacuate:

In the unlikely event that the fire situation prevents you from leaving the community, by the normal roadway in advance of the fire, or you otherwise become trapped with no route to leave Los Caminitos;

Call: 911

Additional Firewise Information:

Additional information regarding making your family and home safer from potential wildfires in the wildland/urban environment in which Los Caminitos is located can be found at www.firewise.org and www.sfcfire-wildland.com.

Questions or Comments:

If you have any questions or comments regarding these procedures, please contact Bob Smith at 505-955-0609.