



EMERGENCY READINESS

Know Before You Go

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EMERGENCY PLAN

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A Multi-Layered Defense: How Local Agencies are Protecting Forested Communities

An article appeared in the 12/28/25 *Tahoe Daily Tribune* by Eli Ramos which supports the ongoing fire fuel reduction work in the Del Monte Forest. Titled “How Fuel Reductions Fueled the ‘Christmas Valley Miracle’,” it describes the research of Hugh Safford and Saba Saberi after the Caldor Fire of 2021. Safford and Saberi found that trees in treated areas were three times more likely to survive than those in untreated areas. In the area after the fire, there were clear correlations linked to fuel treatment. Where untreated fuel lingered, the fire was more severe.

Even with variability in fire fuel reduction methods, researchers found that a combination of mastication, which processes trees into chips and mulch, and hand thinning was the most effective approach. Several homes in Christmas Valley were spared as a result of these techniques. This multi-layered approach is also utilized by PBCSD, CAL FIRE, Pebble Beach Company, and the Del Monte Forest Conservancy to reduce fire fuel in open spaces throughout Pebble Beach.

The next important layer of safety measures is the creation of defensible space around structures on each property, described by vegetation management Zones 0, 1, 2 and 3. Complete descriptions of the Zones and the necessary conditions in each Zone can be found on the CAL FIRE website (fire.ca.gov/dspace). These mandates are evolving for new construction, along with new retrofit requirements, which are expected to be phased in over the next few years.

The last layer of property safety measures is fire-hardening of the structure itself. There are several techniques property owners can implement to improve home hardening, as described on the CAL FIRE website (fire.ca.gov/home-hardening).

It is always possible that a fire can overwhelm even the best prevention planning and preparation, so it is critical that if evacuation becomes necessary, the community knows what to expect and how to take action. Please see the back of this page as a starting point to prepare yourself for any given emergency situation.

Our forested community is fortunate to have a highly trained, equipped, and professionally recognized fire department in Pebble Beach to manage both wildland and urban firefighting needs. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please reach out to the Pebble Beach Fire Department at (831) 375-9644.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



MAKE A PLAN



BUILD A KIT



BE INFORMED

MAKE A PLAN

Decision making in an emergency can be difficult. Take time now to create a plan and review it with your family. Information should include meeting points, evacuation routes, animal arrangements and a contact list.

For more information scan this QR CODE or visit: www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/wildfire-action-plan/



BUILD A KIT

Evacuation Kits or “Go-Bags” are critical in an emergency. Kits should be stocked with essentials like water, non-perishable food, first aid kit, medication and eyewear, clothes, flashlights, batteries, chargers, maps and pet food if needed.



Kit preparation at home

BE INFORMED

Will you receive important alerts in the event of an emergency? The PBCSD/CAL FIRE PulsePoint and the County of Monterey’s AlertMontereyCounty alert and warning systems are free and will deliver timely updates and direction in case of a disaster.

KNOW YOUR ZONE

During an evacuation, Monterey County Department of Emergency Management will issue communications based on the evacuation zone your home is in.

Find your zone, with this QR CODE or visit: www.readymontereycounty.org/emergency



REGISTER NOW!



Are You Connected?

The County of Monterey and the Pebble Beach Fire Department offer emergency communications platforms that you can opt into for free.

These platforms provide alerts and updates regarding natural disasters like storms, wildfire, flooding, and if necessary, evacuations.

They also offer other useful safety information including road closures, traffic control points and warming/cooling centers. **Please sign up today!**

Alert Monterey County



For more information scan this QR CODE or visit: www.alertmontereycounty.genasys.com/portal/en



PulsePoint - Pebble Beach



For more information scan this QR CODE or visit: www.pulsepoint.org/pulsepoint-respond



DEL MONTE FOREST PROPERTY OWNERS

The Del Monte Forest Property Owners will host their Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 17, 2026. Kelsey Scanlon, Monterey County’s Emergency Management Director will discuss emergency preparedness.

Please note: this is a Members Only Event.

For more information on how to join the DMFPO and this event, visit: www.dmfpo.org or scan the QR Code

