

KNOW YOUR EMERGENCY ALERTS & EVACUATION ZONES

It is critical that everyone knows what zone they live in, or frequent so that you are ready to go when an evacuation order or warning is issued for your zone.

Below are explanations of **Santa Rosa City** and **Sonoma County Evacuation Zones**.

EVACUATION ZONES

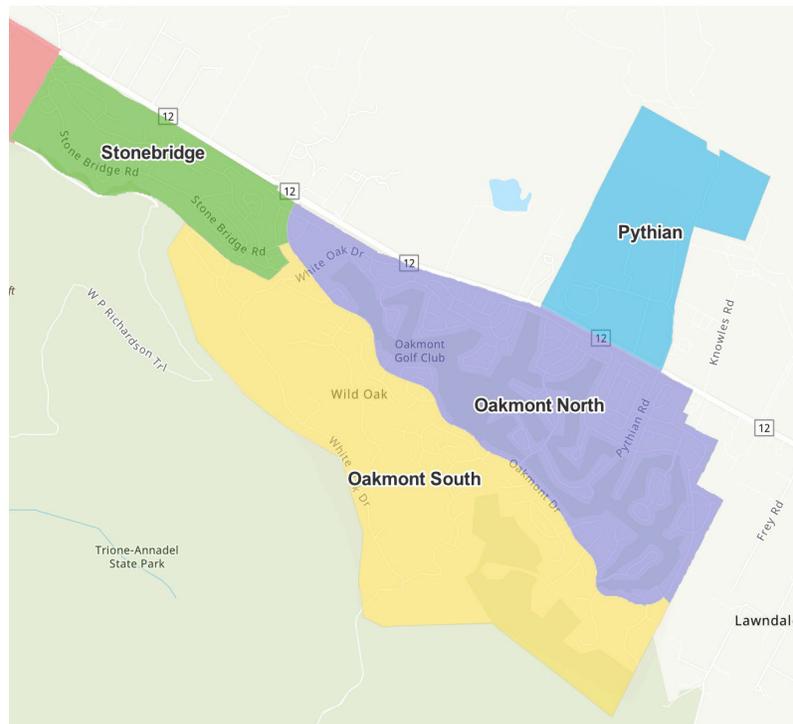
There are 2 different evacuation zone systems: (1) **Santa Rosa City** has one system using neighborhood area names, and (2) **Sonoma County** has another system using letters and numbers.

The alert sent out on Wednesday afternoon was letters and numbers, so easily identified as county evacuation zones. Step one was knowing that Oakmont was not affected by the shelter-in-place.

1. **Santa Rosa City Evacuation Zones**

- Oakmont is in Santa Rosa city limits
- Oakmont has three evacuation zones:
 - Stonebridge
 - Oakmont South
 - Oakmont North

The Pythian zone does not refer to Pythian Drive in Oakmont; it's on the other side of Hwy 12.



If you live in Santa Rosa City limits, find your evacuation zone with the **Look-up Search Tool:** [Santa Rosa City Evac Zone](#)

2. **Sonoma County Evacuation Zones**

Sonoma County evacuation zones are identified by letter and number codes. For example, Annadel State Park is “SON-3R1”. County codes surround Oakmont. We suggest you print out and keep a Sonoma County evacuation zone map handy.

Find Your County Evacuation Zone: [Sonoma County Evac Zone](#):

EMERGENCY ALERTS

Use alerts to stay informed, prepared, and safe before, during, and after emergencies.

•Santa Rosa City: [Know Your Emergency Alerts](#):

•Sonoma County: [Sign up for Alerts](#)

Different Alert Types

A. **No registration required**: Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA). National public warning system will interrupt local broadcast tv and radio programming to provide an alert in the event of a large-scale emergency. WEA alerts sent as text-like messages to mobile phone based on your location.

B. **Must register online**:

1. **SoCo Alerts – Sonoma County Alerts** What it does:

- Delivers official countywide emergency alerts via text, email, and phone.
- Covers natural hazards, public safety, and community emergencies that may require action to protect life.



Why it's valuable:

- Sonoma County's official emergency alert system.
- Helps you respond quickly to county-level warnings.
- Can be customized for your location and alert preferences.

How to Use:

- Visit [SoCoAlerts](#)
- Enter your contact info (phone number, email) o Add your whole family
- Choose your preferred alert method.
- Select the areas you want alerts for.
- Stay informed about emergencies in your county.

***Difference from Nixle/Civic Ready:** SoCoAlert focuses on **countywide emergency alerts** covering larger-scale hazards that affect multiple cities, while Nixle/Civic Ready provides **hyper-local, city or neighborhood-level emergency information**. *

2. **Nixle / Civic Ready– Local Alerts**



2. **MyShake** – Earthquake Alerts

3. **What it does:**

- Sends earthquake early warnings for Northern California.
- Shows earthquake magnitude and location.

Why it's valuable:

- Gives you precious seconds to protect yourself during quakes.
- Provides guidance on safety steps to take immediately.
- Helps you stay aware of earthquake activity in your area

[Find it online](#)

3. **PulsePoint** - [Pulse Point](#) is a 911-connected mobile app that allows users to view and receive live alerts of calls being responded to by fire departments and emergency vehicle services.

D. **Devices:** there are devices that can alert you.

1. **NOAA Weather Radio – All-Hazards Alerts**

What it does:

- Provides 24/7 official weather and emergency alerts from the National Weather Service.
- Broadcasts warnings for floods, wildfires, storms, earthquakes, tsunamis, etc.
- Works even when cell service, Wi-Fi, and power are down (with battery-powered radios).



Why it's valuable:

- Delivers the fastest, most reliable emergency alerts directly from NWS.
- Keeps you informed during power outages or when mobile networks fail.
- Offers continuous weather updates and life-saving hazard information.

Local Sonoma County Frequencies

- **162.475 MHz** – Covers most of Sonoma County
- **162.550 MHz** – Covers northwest Sonoma County

How to Use:

1. Purchase any NOAA Weather Radio that supports NOAA All-Hazards alerts.
2. Tune to the frequency that reaches your area best (162.475 MHz or 162.550 MHz).
3. Keep the radio on or in "alert" mode.
4. Receive automatic emergency warnings anytime, day or night. *NOAA Weather Radio is an essential backup when mobile networks fail during major emergencies. *

2. **Hi/Lo Sirens** – If you hear the hi/lo, it's time to go.

3. **Local Radio & TV**

- **KSRO** – 1350 AM / 103.5 FM
- **KCBS** – 740 AM / 106.9 FM
- **KBBF** – 89.1 FM (bilingual/Spanish)
- **KRCB** – 91FM / 104.9FM
- **KZST** – 100.1 FM

E. **Websites:**

1. **PurpleAir – Real-Time Air Quality Map** What it does:

- Shows real-time air-quality levels right in your neighborhood.
- Uses local sensors to track smoke, pollution, and PM2.5 levels.



Why it's valuable:

- Helps you know when the air is safe to be outside or exercise.
- Lets you see air-quality changes instantly during wildfire smoke or bad-air days.
- Makes it easy to decide when to open windows, stay indoors, or use air filters.
- Help you find fresh air
- PurpleAir (Android) or Paku (Apple)

Terminology - Evacuation notices will use the following terminology:

EVACUATION WARNING: There is potential threat to life and property within a given time frame. Begin preparing yourself, your animals, and your property for a potential evacuation order.

EVACUATION ORDER: You must evacuate immediately due to imminent threat to life.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE: Stay secure at your current location. This may be required when evacuation is impossible, too dangerous, or unnecessary.