



OSHARA FIRE PREVENTION PREPAREDNESS PLAN

The following Preparedness Plan is of URGENT concern. Oshara, located in a high risk area, is experiencing drought, extremely high winds, surrounded by dry grasses in open areas in and around our homes. This is a prescription for disaster. Every homeowner is charged with the responsibility of helping to protect our community.

Your HOA has done extensive research into Community Fire Protection. Information is available on our website Osharavillage.org. Further information comes from HOA Board attendance at the county's Wildfire Mitigation and Preparedness Community Education Day on March 29. Following are two of the most important actions we can take right now.

1. EVACUATION PREPAREDNESS

The County Fire Department and auxiliary emergency services are responsible for creating our fire evacuation plan. WE ARE NOT TO CREATE OUR OWN PLAN. Fire fighters "greatest fear" is that residents will head out on our roads creating grid lock and traffic jams that prohibit fire equipment and personnel from reaching a fire. Santa Fe has few thru roads and virtually no order to how our streets are laid out. This alone creates significant problems. Follow these three steps to prepare for a potential evacuation.

READY::

Start preparing now for an evacuation by doing the following:

- CREATE A FAMILY "TO-GO" bag. Medications, a few extra clothes, etc.
- gather important papers/documents for quick access
- keep cell phones charged, know where your chargers are and electronics
- keep vehicles gas tanks at least half full
- have carriers and pet food at the ready
- watch over your neighbor
- Once prepared, we wait for notice that evacuation may be eminent

SET::

- We will be contacted to be ready for evacuation instructions, .. car packed and ready to go. You will be notified by text, phone, media alert, or services present in our neighborhood. WAIT for instructions of when to leave and where we are to go.

GO:

- On receipt of an evacuation mandate, calmly follow instructions precisely.

2. FUEL (weed, grass) MANAGEMENT:

Most residences in Oshara have coyote fences on their property that are highly susceptible to burning. The Santa Fe County Fire department advises creating a ten foot cleared area around wood fences, especially fences in our alleys. Presently these grasses are lightly rooted and easy to remove. For your safety and your neighbors, start clearing grasses now. Open space around Oshara perimeters is especially important. Our Oshara Maintenance Crew is not responsible for removing your rapidly growing weeds and grasses. Review plants and trees on your property and work with your neighbors to create a safer environment in Oshara.