

Emergency Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
Fire Dispatch	731-2160
Sheriff	264-8430
Road Conditions	264-5660
Forest Service	264-2269

My Neighbors

More Information

www.acemergency.org

www.southwestcoloradofires.org

Evacuating Horses Requires Pre-planning

Before an emergency occurs, determine where to take your horses. Archuleta County has no equine emergency shelter.

Be sure horses are vaccinated before taking them across state lines. Coggins test is a must.

Have all paperwork on horses ready to go, including vaccination certificates, photos of horses and a description of their markings.

Add a luggage tag to each horse's halter with the name of the horse, your name & mobile phone/email contact info.

Practice loading horses into trailers as often as possible. During a real emergency, they will sense your stress and be more nervous.

If an evacuation may occur, get horse trailers ready with several days' food & water, plus an equine first aid kit.

Preparing for Wildfire at ALR

We don't have to worry about hurricanes and tornadoes at Alpine Lakes Ranch, but we do need to think about wildfire. Our beautiful ranch community is located in a semi-arid ecosystem that is often affected by drought and fire. As property owners, each of us is responsible for reducing the risk of wildfire.

There are many things you can do in advance to prepare for wildfire. You can improve the defensible space around your home. You can create an evacuation plan for your family and neighbors. And you can have your home, animals and important personal items ready to evacuate should a wildfire occur nearby.

Preparing for potential wildfire can make a difference and give you peace of mind.

Create & Maintain A 30-foot Defensible Space Around Your Home

Remove brush and mow tall grasses. Remove tree branches overhanging the house.

Stack firewood uphill and at least 30 feet from structures.

Thin trees, leaving 15 or more feet between the crowns of individual trees or clumps of trees. Separate oak clumps by a distance of at least 2 ½ times their height.

Prune tree branches to 10 feet above the ground. Clear brush, dead wood and pine needles under and near trees.

If your home sits on a steep slope, a larger defensible space down slope will be necessary, as fire moves quickly up steep slopes.

Check with your insurance company for additional defensible space requirements.

Be Ready for Wildfire

Keep this brochure and the ALR **Emergency Phone Tree** handy.

Pack an emergency supply kit. Include water, non-perishable food, flashlight, batteries, warm clothes, sturdy shoes, blankets or sleeping bags.

Make sure there is enough garden hose to reach all parts of the house exterior. Embers from a wildfire can ignite structures up to a quarter mile away.

Keep handy rakes, axes, shovels, and a ladder tall enough to reach the house roof.

Evaluate the driveway for fire engine access – can a large vehicle reach the house?

Identify multiple escape routes from your property.

Determine safe places to take pets and livestock. Make sure animal vaccinations are up to date for Colorado and New Mexico.

Prepare to Evacuate

Confine pets to a single room or carriers until you are ready to leave.

Park the car in the garage, facing out, with car windows closed. Place keys in the ignition, but don't start the car. Unlock and close the garage door, then disconnect the automatic door opener.

Place your emergency supply kit, documents and mementos in the car. Don't forget insurance information, cell phone and charger, computer hard drive, medications, eye glasses and credit cards.

Close all house windows and doors. Turn on the house and porch lights.

Shut off propane or natural gas valves. Make sure garden hoses are attached to spigots. Place a ladder against the house, opposite the approaching fire.

Evacuate early! Don't wait to see if the fire danger changes.