

# GOOD NEIGHBOR GUIDE

Emergency Preparedness For Visitors Of The City of Mill Valley



## Welcome to Southern Marin!

We hope that you enjoy your stay and experience all that our area has to offer. As a guest, we encourage you to be courteous of your short-term neighbors. This includes reducing noise, keeping debris contained, respecting the local rules, and following emergency guidance that is designed to keep everyone safe.

Southern Marin Fire Protection District is looking out for your safety and we ask that you take a brief moment to read through what to do if an emergency strikes during your planned stay.

Marin County is no stranger to natural disasters such as a wildland fire, earthquake, flood, high-wind public power safety shut-offs (PSPS), or days of poor air quality to name a few examples. But there are simple steps that you can take, so that you and your family are prepared to respond in any of these situations.

## TO-DO'S:

### Sign Up For Alerts:

We recommend you sign up for Alert Marin and Nixle. You will only be notified if an active emergency is underway, and will only receive emergency information and real-time instructions while in the impacted area. Early warnings provide you and your family with greater choices when responding to an emergency.

- Nixle – to receive notifications, text Mill Valley's zip code 94941 to 888-777.
- Alert Marin – to receive notifications, register at: [Add a little bit of body text](#)

### Evacuation Route:

It is important for visitors to learn two ways out of the rental home and neighborhood in the event of an evacuation order. Evacuation routes may be subject to change due to the location of the disaster, but real-time information will be provided by signing up for ZoneHaven, a mapping tool that complements the Alert Marin system. Plan to leave early in an evacuation.

visit: <https://emergency.marincounty.org/page/evacuation>.

### Red Flag Days:

After you have signed up for Marin's emergency alert system, you will receive notices of Red Flag Days issued by the National Weather Service. Some parks, roads, and public access ways may be closed during Red Flag Days. This is a time to prepare a Go Bag with supplies such as an N95 mask, water and food, gas up your car, and make a plan to leave the impacted area when directed to for your safety. Red Flag Days also place additional restrictions on the short-term rental that you may not be aware of, including:

- No wood-fire burning, unless in designated areas
- Limit outdoor grilling
- For questions call the Marin County Fire Department public information line, (415) 499-7191



# LOCATE YOUR COMMUNITY REFUGE AREA (CRA)

A major disaster in your area may come without warning. In the event of a last resort evacuation, you may need to evacuate your short-term rental by relocating to your community refuge area by car, bike, or on foot. This allows our first-responders access to the emergency and provides you and your family with the best chance of surviving the event. The closest CRA to your area is located at:



Scan with smart phone's camera

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## EARTHQUAKE

For those who are new to visiting California, in the event of an earthquake, take protective actions until the shaking stops: Drop, Cover, and Hold On. After the quake, the home may have damage to the natural gas utilities. If you smell natural gas, turn the adjustable wrench on the gas valve so that it makes a + with the pipe to shut off the flow of natural gas. The natural gas valve at your short-term rental can be located near the gas meter at:

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## FIREWORKS

Marin has a ban on fireworks that may result in a misdemeanor charge and a minimum fine for possessing or using fireworks of \$410.

Thank you for keeping yourself safe and prepared while you enjoy your short-term rental in Mill Valley. For more information on how to prepare for your stay, visit: <https://www.cityofmillvalley.org/213/Warnings-Alerts>



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