



The Bolinas Fire Department has already responded to 3 significant fires since April. Under the current drought conditions, we are anticipating a potentially unprecedented fire season.

More than ever before, we are asking you to help make Bolinas a more fire-adapted community by taking steps to prepare yourselves, your homes, and your neighborhoods. Remember, the sum of *individual* preparedness equals community preparedness!

Here are some concrete steps you can take right now:

1. Register with Alert Marin (<https://www.marinsheriff.org/services/emergency-services/alert-marin>)
2. Purchase an Emergency Alert NOAA weather radio (\$20 at the Bolinas Fire Station) (<https://www.bolinasfire.org/noaa-weather-radios>)
3. **Disaster planning:** Prepare your evacuation plan and go bag, including contact information for your neighbors. (<https://www.readymarin.org/>) Call the Bolinas Fire Department to learn who your local Disaster Council area coordinator is, and get involved yourself.
4. Know your Community Refuge Areas, and plan multiple routes and modes of transportation to them if evacuation routes are impassable. (A *Community Refuge Area* is a designated location considered to provide a greater level of survivability than sheltering-in-place. In Bolinas, the BFPD has identified Mesa Park, the Bolinas School and the beaches as designated Community Refuge Areas.)
5. Clear *defensible space* within 100 feet of residences and driveways. Inquire with the Bolinas Fire Department about participating in our Chipper Days program.
6. Research and implement home hardening measures. (<https://www.firesafemarin.org/home-hardening>)
7. Partner with your neighbors to address hazardous vegetation on roads and in vacant lots. Start by contacting the property owner(s), if known. Inquire with the Bolinas Fire Department about our matching grants program for neighborhood roadside clearing.
8. Maintain awareness during extreme fire weather days, and refrain from activities that can cause sparks (mowing, barbecues, parking on dry grass, etc.).
9. Conserve water to ensure firefighting water is available.
10. Visit (<https://www.firesafemarin.org/>) for more detailed information on wildfire preparedness

Please call the Bolinas Fire Department at 415 868-1566 with any questions.

Thanks everyone, and stay safe!

The Bolinas Fire Protection District Volunteers and Staff