



Oregon Emergency Evacuation Levels

BE READY, BE SET, GO!

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LEVEL 1: A Level 1 Evacuation means "BE READY" for potential evacuation

Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area, monitor emergency services websites and local media outlets for information. This is the time for preparation and precautionary movement of persons with special needs, mobile property and (under certain circumstances) pets and livestock. If conditions worsen, emergency services personnel may contact you via an emergency notification system.

LEVEL 2: A Level 2 Evacuation means "BE SET" to evacuate

You must prepare to leave at a moment's notice

This level indicates there is significant danger in your area, and residents should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area. If choosing to remain, residents need to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Residents MAY have time to gather necessary items, but doing so is at their own risk.

This may be the only notice that you receive

Emergency services cannot guarantee that they will be able to notify you if conditions rapidly deteriorate. Area media services will be asked to broadcast periodic updates.

LEVEL 3: A Level 3 Evacuation means "GO" Evacuate NOW

Leave immediately!

Danger in your area is current or imminent, and you should evacuate immediately. If you choose to ignore this notice, you must understand that Public Safety Officials may not be available to assist you further. DO NOT delay leaving to gather any belongings or make efforts to protect your home.

This will be the last notice you will receive until the notice is cancelled or downgraded.

Entry to evacuated areas may be denied until conditions are deemed safe, by Public Safety Officials. Local and regional public safety websites, Media (radio, TV, print, digital) and social media sites will be provided periodic updates.

- **Local Current Conditions:** www.co.lincoln.or.us
- **Emergency Alerts, Lincoln Alerts - Sign-up:** www.co.lincoln.or.us/alerts
- **Road Information:** www.tripcheck.com
- **Weather Information:** www.weather.gov
- **Home Wildfire Safety:** www.readyforwildfire.org

This document has been reviewed and accepted by Oregon State Sheriffs' Association, Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office, Oregon Office of Emergency Management, Oregon Fire Chief's Association and Oregon Department of Forestry. This document should be considered an official document for use to the public on All Hazards Evacuations.



Level 1 – Be Ready EMERGENCY NOTICE

An Emergency Evacuation Notice Has Been Issued For This Area

[enter date/time]

This is an emergency evacuation notice from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. A fire has been reported and due to the fire threat, this address/property has been issued a **Level 1 – BE READY Evacuation Notice**.

Level 1 Evacuation means residents and businesses should:

- Be aware of the danger and changing conditions that exist in your area.
- Monitor local media sources, county website www.co.lincoln.or.us and your telephone devices to receive further information.
- Begin preparation planning and/or precautionary evacuation for persons with special needs, pets, livestock and mobile equipment (vehicles, RV's, campers).
 - If you need help evacuating yourself, a special needs person, pets or livestock, contact Lincoln County Fire Information Center number below and place a HELP or OK sign in your front window.

If conditions worsen, or the threat is cancelled for this address/property, Public Safety Officials will:

- Activate our Lincoln Alerts emergency notification system to provide most recent information.
- Provide door to door notifications by Public Safety and leave a new or cancelled Evacuation Notice at this address/property.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Lincoln County, in partnership with emergency response agencies will regularly update media partners and Lincoln County website with event status, evacuation information, available community resources and shelter information.

- **Lincoln County Website:** www.co.lincoln.or.us (Designated social media accounts will be listed here)
- **Media Releases:** Shared with all local, regional Media and the general public via FlashAlert and posted on County website
- **Emergency Notification Messaging - Sign Up for Lincoln Alerts:** www.co.lincoln.or.us/alerts
- **Event Questions/Resources:** Lincoln County Fire Information Center, updated regularly.

Fire Information Center - Telephone Number:



Level 2 – Be Set EMERGENCY NOTICE

An Emergency Evacuation Notice Has Been Issued For This Area

[enter date/time]

This is an emergency evacuation notice from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. A fire has been reported and due to the increased fire threat, this address/property has been issued a **Level 2 – BE SET Evacuation Notice**.

Level 2 means residents and businesses should be prepared to leave at a moment's notice:

- Residents should either voluntarily evacuate now or if choosing to remain, be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Residents MAY have time to gather necessary items, **but doing so is at your own risk**.
- If you need help evacuating yourself, a special needs person, pets or livestock contact Lincoln County Fire Information Center, telephone number below and place a HELP or OK sign in your front window.
- **This may be the only notice you receive:**
 - Public Safety cannot guarantee they will be able to notify you if conditions rapidly worsen in your immediate area; be aware of the danger and changing conditions and be ready to leave.
 - Monitor local media sources, county website and your telephone devices to receive further information.

If conditions worsen, or the threat is cancelled for this address/property, Public Safety Officials will:

- Activate our Lincoln Alerts emergency notification system to provide the most recent information.
- Provide door to door notifications by Public Safety and leave a new or cancelled Evacuation Notice at this address/property.

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- **Event Questions/Resources:** Lincoln County Fire Information Center, update regularly.

Fire Information Center - Telephone Number:



Level 3 – Go NOW EMERGENCY NOTICE

An Emergency Evacuation Notice Has Been Issued For This Area – **LEAVE IMMEDIATELY**

[enter date/time]

This is an emergency evacuation notice from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. A fire has been reported and due to the increased fire threat, this property/neighborhood has been issued a **Level 3 – GO NOW Evacuation Notice**.

Level 3 means residents and businesses should LEAVE IMMEDIATELY:

- Danger in your area is current or imminent, and you should evacuate immediately. DO NOT delay leaving to gather any belongings or make efforts to protect your home.
- If you choose to ignore this notice, you must understand that Public Safety Officials may not be available to assist you further.
- If you need help evacuating yourself or special needs persons, contact 911.

This will be the last notice you will receive until conditions improve or the fire threat is downgraded. Public Safety Officials will:

- Activate our Lincoln Alerts emergency notification system to provide the most recent information or notification of a downgrade notice for this address/property.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

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Evacuation Downgrade Notice

An Evacuation Downgrade Notice Has Been Issued For This Area

[enter date/time]

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office has issued an **Evacuation Downgrade Notice** for this area.

Properties Where the Fire DID NOT Burn Through:

- Property Owners and Renters are allowed back into the cancellation area; you may be asked to present proof of residency/property ownership at the road checkpoints.
- When you return home you should conduct a safety inspection of all areas, buildings, and equipment.
 - If you suspect or witness an actual fire call 911; if you identify a threat for a potential fire call the non-emergency number to report it (see below).
 - Be alert for damaged utility lines, other hazards, check propane tanks, regulators, and lines before turning gas on.
 - Check your buildings carefully for hidden embers or smoldering fires.
- Continue to maintain a state of readiness and be aware of changing conditions specifically if there is any fire present around the cancellation zone.
- Continue to monitor local media sources, county website www.co.lincoln.or.us and your telephone devices to receive further information.

Properties Where the Fire DID Burn Through:

- Public Safety Officials are completing a safety assessment and will issue a Cautionary Re-Entry Notice when it is safe for Property Owners and Renters to return.

Recovery and Assistance: Monitor local media sources, County website www.co.lincoln.or.us and your telephone devices to receive further information about recovery assistance.

<p>Fire Information Center: XXX-XXX-XXXX, www.co.lincoln.or.us email</p>	<p>Non-Emergency Dispatch: Toledo 541-336-5555, Lincoln City 541-994-3636, all other areas of Lincoln County 541-265-4231</p>
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Cautionary Re – Entry Notice

An Cautionary Re-Entry Notice Has Been Issued For The Area Of

[enter neighborhood reference information]

Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office has issued a **Cautionary Re-Entry Notice**. Property Owners and Renters are allowed back into the downgraded area; you may be asked to present proof of residency/property ownership at the road checkpoints.

Properties Where the Fire DID NOT Burn Through:

- Conduct a full inspection of all buildings and property as well as the areas adjacent to your property.
- If you suspect or witness an actual fire call 911; if you identify a threat for a potential fire call the non-emergency number to report it (see below).

Properties Where the Fire DID Burn Through: Once a wildfire has burned through an area, many dangers may remain; follow these precautions when returning to your property.

Safety Check the Exterior of Your Property First, Check for:

- Trees and poles with deep charring, particularly if still smoldering, this should be considered hazardous.
- Smoldering holes in the ground can be full of hot coals and white ash is evidence of hot material.

Safety Check Inside Your Home, Business or Outbuildings:

- Embers: Check for embers in the attics or vents of your buildings and in surrounding landscaping.
- Utilities: Check all utility meters/connection boxes before restoring any services; if you view any damage notify the utility company (gas, power, water, phone, tv); turn off appliances before turning power back on to the structure.

Damage Assessment – Documentation: If there is damage to your property or buildings:

- Take pictures of their current condition before you begin any recovery efforts.
- Create a detailed inventory of damages.
- Contact your insurance agent to let them know of damages; these damages may not be covered by traditional home owners insurance.

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