



SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

One of the most important emergency preparedness actions you can take is to register for alert notifications. **These allow you to be notified in case you need to take action in an emergency.**

There are three systems that require opt-in action on your part. The systems are not duplicative. Register for all three!

1. **AlertMarin** Marin County Sheriff's Office and other emergency officials use the AlertMarin Emergency Notification System to deliver incident-specific information or potentially life-saving instruction to the precise geographic area(s) affected only if the event is out of the emergency team's control or its capacity to contain, and/or if **authorities want you to take some action** (e.g. flooding, wildfires, and subsequent evacuations; public safety incidents including crimes that affect your neighborhood; and post-disaster information about shelters, transportation, or supplies.) AlertMarin is not an "information only" system. Go to <http://alertmarin.org> to register your multiple devices and contact numbers for text, voice, and email notification. There is a "test" feature to allow you to confirm you've completed your setup. Texts will come from **87844** and **89361**, voice from **415-473-6376**. Landlines are automatically enrolled. **For iPhones:** to enable emergency alerts go to <Settings><Notifications> scroll to bottom of page, turn on <Government Alerts>. **For other brand devices:** search online for "how to enable emergency alerts on <your model and brand device>"
2. **Nixle** keeps you up-to-date with relevant information including emergency alerts from your local public safety departments & schools. To sign up: text the zip code of the location where you want alerts to **888777**. Nixle messaging system sends info on community events, traffic, weather, as well as crime and emergency notifications. If you log in on a computer, you can opt out of non-emergency alerts.
3. **PG&E Outage Alerts** If certain high risk fire day conditions exist, PG&E may turn off power to large areas until it is safe to reenergize the lines. Households with people vulnerable to power outages need to prepare for this contingency ahead of time. To receive notifications, go to https://www.pge.com/en_US/residential/outages/alerts/alerts.page?WT.mc_id=Vanity_outagealerts Sign in to your account, go to the <Profile & Alerts> section and scroll down to <Alert Settings>. Set your Outages Alert to <ON>.

There is one system in which you are automatically enrolled:

- **WEAs** (Wireless Emergency Alerts) are free notifications delivered to your mobile device as part of a public safety system provided by Authorized Senders. The alerts are designed to inform you of imminent threats to safety or missing person's alerts in your area (e.g., AMBER Alerts). To receive WEAs, you must have a capable device and be located in an area (e.g. county) targeted by Authorized Senders to receive the alert. Enable your AMBER alerts or emergency alerts on your mobile device to receive these alerts.

Additional emergency information sources:

- **National Weather Service** issues **Red Flag Warnings & Fire Weather Watches** to alert fire departments of the onset, or possible onset, of critical weather and dry conditions that could lead to rapid or dramatic increases in wildfire activity. Current sign locations activated by Central Marin Fire: Camino Alto, Magnolia Ave at Skylark, Magnolia Ave at Madrone Ave, Eliseo Drive at Bretano Way and Via Lerida, College Park Ave at Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Corte Madera Community Center electronic message board. On Red Flag days and nights, make sure your mobile device is not on Silent, Sleep, or Do Not Disturb mode and in an audible location. <https://www.weather.gov/mqt/redflagtips> Twitter handle is @NWSBayArea
- **FireSafeMarin** Subscribe to the newsletter and sign up for alert notifications at <https://www.firesafemarin.org/>
- **CAL FIRE** Preparation resources and fire updates at <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/> App available for download at the App Store. Subscribe to receive notification if a wildfire is reported within 30 miles of device.
- **Twitter** Local fire districts and departments share current information on fires. Central Marin Fire @centralmarinfd, San Rafael Fire District @SRFD, Novato Fire District @NovatoFireDist, Southern Marin Fire District @SMFDinfo, Ross Valley Fire @RossValleyFire, Cal Fire @CAL_FIRE
- **ReadyMarin** <https://readymarin.org/> for helpful preparedness instructions and resources