Tune your portable AM/FM radio to KCBS 740 AM, KGO 810 AM or KQED 88.5 FM for emergency information. If you don’t have a portable AM/FM radio you can use your vehicle’s. A NOAA Weather Radio for emergency weather alerts and other non-weather-related hazard information is also good to have. Monitor local TV stations such as KTVU, KRON, KPIX and KGO.

**ALAMEDA COUNTY (AC) ALERT**
AC Alert is Oakland’s primary emergency alerting system for the public. Subscribe to receive AC Alerts to your home phone (voice), cell phone (voice/text) and/or via email by going to www.acgov.org/emergencysite

In an emergency, a brief Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) text message may automatically be sent to cell phones in the affected area. Note that the messages will not provide much detail.

**EMERGENCY SIRENS**
The array of 27 sirens throughout Oakland will sound in the event of an emergency. There are 3 different tones depending on the emergency and what you should do:

- "STEADY" TONE: you should shelter in place and listen to the radio/TV
- "SLOW WAIL" TONE (also the 1st Wednesday of the month test tone): Tsunami warning, listen to the radio/TV and if you are along the coast or Bay, consider moving to higher ground
- "FAST WAIL" TONE: there is a fire, listen to the radio/TV and be prepared to evacuate

**RADIO & TV**
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**TWITTER**
Follow these agencies:

- AC Alerts
  @AlamedaCoAlert
- Oakland Fire Dept.
  @OaklandFireLive
- Alameda County Fire
  @AlamedaCoFire
- CAL FIRE
  @CAL_FIRE

**Nextdoor AND OTHER INTERNET APPLICATIONS**
The Nextdoor neighborhood application can be a good source for emergency updates. Citizen is a smart phone application whereby the public can create and view local safety alerts.

However, know that during a wildfire or other disaster, cell phone/Internet service may not be available as cell towers can be damaged, power can be lost or the network overloaded. No one system is guaranteed to work in an emergency—monitor all the different sources above.
RED FLAG WARNINGS

A Red Flag Warning (or Fire Weather Watch) is issued by the National Weather Service when predicted weather conditions may result in extreme wildfire danger. **This is a time to be extremely cautious and alert!**

### How are Red Flag Warnings Determined?

Low relative humidity, strong winds, dry fuels, the possibility of dry lightning strikes, or any combination of these events may lead to a Red Flag Warning. Red Flag conditions are often related to north and northeast wind events (“Diablo winds”) lasting at least eight hours. Relative humidity and wind speed are the primary factors driving a Red Flag Warning declaration.

### How will I be notified of a Red Flag Warning?

Local TV, print, radio weather stations and AC Alert will broadcast when Red Flag Warning Days are in effect. These notifications may also be published on Nextdoor and on the Twitter accounts noted above. Fire Stations will display a red flag outside.

### How do Local Fire Agencies Respond to a Red Flag Warning?

During a Red Flag Warning or Fire Weather Watch, local fire agencies may place additional firefighters on duty, staff more fire engines and regularly patrol high wildfire danger areas so that they are better positioned to quickly respond to an emergency. City and Regional parks may be closed — please observe all park closings.

### WHAT SHOULD I DO DURING A RED FLAG WARNING?

**During a Red Flag Warning or Fire Weather Watch, you must be extremely cautious, prepare your family and take steps to prevent wildfires!**

- Prepare your home and family for a potential evacuation
  Refer to OCP&R Guide #05 – Evacuation Planning and Guide #06 – Emergency Evacuations
- Review your Go-Bag and ensure that it is complete and accessible
  Refer to OCP&R Guide #07 – Evacuation and Go-Bag Checklists
- Ensure your cell phones are charged and receiving messages, charge back-up batteries
- Remain alert and monitor conditions outside and nearby
- Don’t use power tools, barbecues, or any potential heat or spark source outside
- City and Regional Parks may be closed — if so, do not enter these parks
- PG&E may turn off power during Red Flag Warnings (Public Safety Power Shutoffs). Refer to OCP&R Guide #08 – Public Safety Power Shutoffs

OCP&R is a program of the Oakland Firesafe Council.
Contact OCP&R for more information and assistance with notifications and warnings.

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