

## **Fires and Emergency Alerts**

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Oakmont is soon entering the riskiest time of the 2021 fire season. Are you ready? Besides having go-bags in your car or ready to grab and your house and yard, fire-hardened, electronic alerts are vital. Signing up for SoCo Alerts is especially important. Alert messages come from Sonoma County first responders and can save lives. Alerts can be customized to come via landline phone, cellular phone texts, and e-mail. Check out how to sign up for SoCo Alert and other alert systems at <https://socoemergency.org/get-ready/sign-up/>.

There are other alert systems to add to your electronic “toolkit” referenced on the SoCo Emergency site. While Nixle is worthwhile and is centrally managed for all of Napa County, it is not the preferred centrally-managed notification method in Sonoma County. Since winds blow from the east during fire season, getting Napa and Sonoma Nixle alerts can be helpful. Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) are useful as well, sending text messages to cell phones. PG&E customers can sign up for power alerts sent to phones, texts, and e-mail. Other online resources of interest for fire season are: Windy.com, fire map apps, PurpleAir.com, and radio station KSRO.

Recent Oakmont News articles about emergency alerts and the importance of having a smartphone are on the Oakmont Technology Learning Center web site at [www.oakmont-learning.org/tech-articles.html](http://www.oakmont-learning.org/tech-articles.html).