



## PUBLIC NOTICE

# KENSINGTON EVACUATION DRILL SATURDAY APRIL 9th 2022

### **Kensington Evacuation Drill Planned for Saturday, April 9, 2022, 9:00 AM**

On Saturday, April 9, Kensington Fire Protection District and Kensington Police Department will conduct an evacuation drill. Our agencies will coordinate a test with the Contra Costa County Community Warning System with a drilled response to a simulated wildfire originating in Tilden Park with a westward projection toward Kensington.

This evacuation drill aims to educate the public in raising awareness for wildfire dangers, test the County Communication Warning System, evaluate traffic flow on critical streets, and provide an opportunity for residents to assess their readiness and resiliency.

The Kensington Fire Protection District has identified high-priority areas within Kensington and will work with those areas to coordinate evacuation exercises. These high-priority areas face a higher threat due to several variables such as limited access and proximity to wildland areas. For this evacuation drill, community members residing east of Arlington Avenue and South of Hilltop School are in the test zone. The fire department will be using Zonehaven to manage the evacuation drill. The zones targeted in this drill will be ECK-E007 and ECK-E008.

To find your zone, visit [community.zonehaven.com](http://community.zonehaven.com) and input your address.

### ***What should Kensington residents expect to experience?***

At 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 9, residents of Kensington Zone ECK-E008 will receive a message from Contra Costa County Community Warning System ordering an immediate (safe and orderly) evacuation to the El Cerrito Plaza BART Station to check-in with site volunteers. When residents arrive, they will provide volunteers with their street name, and the simulation will be complete.

At 9:15 AM on Saturday, April 9, residents of Kensington Zone ECK-E007 will receive a message from Contra Costa County Community Warning System to acknowledge receipt of the notification and shelter in place and provide feedback on a short survey. Residents in ECK-E007 will not participate in the evacuation portion to El Cerrito Plaza BART.

Because Kensington is an unincorporated part of Contra Costa County, all residents are strongly encouraged to register with the County's Community Warning System (CWS). Before the drill begins, residents wishing to participate in the exercise must register with the Contra Costa County Community Warning System (CWS). Additional information is available on the Kensington Fire Protection District website: [www.kensingtonfire.org/drill](http://www.kensingtonfire.org/drill).



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**NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

# **BLOCK PARTY**

**Safety starts at home.**

## **Safety Starts At Home – Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Block Party Initiative**

This Spring, the Kensington Fire Protection District (KFPD) is launching a new emergency preparedness initiative across the community. This program is based on a familiar annual tradition from National Night Out. The well-attended block parties of late summer will now be the platform to promote neighborhood collaboration and household emergency preparedness. Residents will have the opportunity to host the Kensington Fire Protection District Emergency Preparedness Information Booth to provide block party attendees with valuable and relevant information to make their homes and community safer.

These neighborhood gatherings will also stress community awareness and preparedness for local wildfire danger and evacuation issues. Stay tuned for community-wide announcements for these gatherings. If you need help getting introduced or would like to host a Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Block Party, email: [prepare@kensingtonfire.org](mailto:prepare@kensingtonfire.org).

## **Kensington Shred & Meds Saturday, April 30th, 10 am-1pm Kensington Library Parking Lot**

Kensington Fire Protection District will be hosting a paper shredding and pharmaceutical collection event on Saturday, April 30th, 2022, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. This free event is for Kensington residents to learn more about making their homes and communities safer. This free event is open to all Kensington residents to dispose of excess papers (fire hazards) in your household.

The KPPCSD, in coordination with the DEA, will be facilitating the National Prescription Drug Take-Back campaign to safely dispose of all unused or expired medications, including narcotics, pills, syrups, inhalers, etc. We do not accept any household hazardous waste. It is important not to flush your unwanted medications down the toilet as they will pollute our drinking water and ground water. For more information about this event, please visit the KFPD website: [www.kensingtonfire.org](http://www.kensingtonfire.org).

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### **CPR / First Aid Training Available**

The KFPD will be offering a CPR/First Aid classes to the community on Saturday, April 16th and May 12th at the El Cerrito Community Center in El Cerrito (7007 Moeser Lane). Space is limited and priority registration is given to Kensington and El Cerrito residents. Cost for residents is \$55 for CPR and \$110 for both CPR and First Aid. Additional classes will be offered throughout the remainder of the year. You can sign-up by emailing: [fire@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:fire@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us) or calling (510) 215-4450.

### **Register with Contra Costa County Community Warning System & Local Nixle Alerts**

Our Police and Fire Chiefs, and our Fire Board, ask you to take a moment to register your cell phones with the Contra Costa County Community Warning System (CWS). CWS will alert you of life-threatening incidents such as wildfire and power shutdowns, occur. STEP ONE: Register at [www.cwsalerts.com](http://www.cwsalerts.com). STEP TWO: Text your ZIPCODE to “888777” with your mobile phone and you will be registered with Kensington Police and Kensington Fire, who can provide even more local alerts.



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**COMMUNITY SAFETY EVENT**

**SHRED & MEDS**  
PAPER AND PHARMACEUTICAL DROP-OFF

**KENSINGTON LIBRARY PARKING LOT**

**SATURDAY APRIL 30TH**  
**10:00am-1:00pm**

INFO: [KENSINGTONFIRE.ORG](http://KENSINGTONFIRE.ORG)  
FUNDED BY KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Reminder From Our Fire Marshal to Remove Wildfire Risk By April 15th

All dangerous vegetation must be cleared entirely by April 15th of each year and must meet the adopted vegetation standards at all times. Fire potential within our community and throughout communities within California are no longer seasonal occurrences. The importance of year-round vegetation management on all properties within El Cerrito and Kensington is critical. Our community is unique, and fire safety is an essential issue to us all. Strength that exists in numbers facilitates accomplishing small measures of a big picture solution. This is supported and encouraged throughout all levels of community leadership and initiated by a grassroots approach and a “can-do” attitude.

A communal effort, coupled with the willingness to create a safer environment, is at the center of these preventative measures.

This serves as our annual reminder to you as the property owner to have your property cleared of all flammable vegetation and accumulations of combustible materials that constitute a fire hazard by April 15, 2022.

If your property contains a rental unit(s) and the tenant(s) are responsible for maintenance and upkeep, it is your obligation to advise them of the District’s requirements. Be aware that the failure of the tenant(s) to comply does not remove the responsibility for compliance by the property owner.

Inspections by the Fire Department will begin the third week of April 2022. Properties not in compliance will be subject to violations and penalties in the manner provided within local ordinance relating to fire hazard abatement or such other manner as authorized by state or local law.

For more information, please visit:

[www.kensingtonfire.org/vegetation-management](http://www.kensingtonfire.org/vegetation-management).

## DON'T MISS OUT ON A CRITICAL MESSAGE

### REGISTER FOR ALERTS

To get notifications for emergencies and evacuations  
Visit and register online at: [www.cwsalerts.com](http://www.cwsalerts.com), or call: 925-655-0111

### SUBSCRIBE FOR EMAILS

To get email messages for local non-emergency information, Red Flag Day warnings, and other community related event information visit: [www.kensingtonfire.org](http://www.kensingtonfire.org), then click “Join our mailing list”.



**Being Neighborly  
is part of your  
preparedness plan.**

**Preparedness starts at home.  
Include your neighbors for a safer community.**

- Get to know your neighbors.
- Understand each others' needs.
- Coordinate preparedness efforts.
- Form a collective supply stockpile.
- Attend a Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Block Party.

Need help getting introduced? Email: [prepare@kensingtonfire.org](mailto:prepare@kensingtonfire.org)



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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PREPARING  
IN PARTNERSHIP  
FOR WILDFIRE**



**KENSINGTON  
EVACUATION DRILL  
SAT APRIL 9th, 9:00AM**

For more information  
and participant registration, visit:  
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