

FACT SHEET: EVACUATION TERMINOLOGY

EVACUATION WARNING VS. ORDER & SHELTER IN PLACE

PREPARE

Knowing what San Luis Obispo County officials are saying will help you better respond to an emergency. Officials will decide whether residents need

to Evacuate or Shelter In Place based on the nature of the emergency. In either case, have an emergency supply kit ready to keep your family safe and healthy.

DURING

Evacuation Warning

BE PREPARED TO LEAVE - An Evacuation Warning is issued to alert community members in a defined area of a potential threat to life and property from an emergency incident.

- Gather your family, pets, and emergency supplies kit.
- If you know you won't be able to evacuate quickly, consider leaving when an evacuation warning is issued.

Evacuation Order

LEAVE NOW - An Evacuation Order is issued to move community members out of a defined area due to an immediate threat to life and property from an emergency incident.

- Load your family, pets, and emergency supplies kit.
- Consider taking essential documents and records
- Leave

Shelter In Place

STAY INSIDE - An order to Shelter In Place is issued to direct community members to stay inside their current location if a situation does not allow for evacuation or when evacuation could cause high potential for loss of life.

- If you are outside, get inside.
- Stay tuned for any emergency information.

AFTER

- Stay tuned to emergency information officials are disseminating.
- Only enter an area previously evacuated when you are advised to do so.

REMEMBER

There may be no time to issue an Evacuation Warning due to the nature of an incident. Pay attention to the messaging of local officials.

A Shelter In Place order may also include the need to keep outside air from coming inside. Keep enough plastic sheeting and duct tape in your emergency supply kit to cover your doors and windows. Turn off any HVAC system that brings in outside air.

For more information, contact County of San Luis Obispo Office of Emergency Services

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