



American Red Cross Kern County and Eastern Sierra

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The Red Cross of Kern County & Eastern Sierras is opening a Temporary Evacuation Point at Lake Isabella Senior Center (6409 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella, CA 93240) for residents affected by the French Fire in Lake Isabella. Red Cross volunteers are on site ready to support evacuees with safe shelter, water, snacks and information. We encourage anyone that needs assistance, come to the Temporary Evacuation Point. Everyone is welcome in Red Cross sites and our temporary evacuation points are a safe place for people of all backgrounds. All disaster services is provided free of charge.

Evacuating residents are encouraged to bring the following for each member of their family: prescription and other emergency medication, extra clothing, pillows, blankets, hygiene supplies, important documents and other comfort items. Additionally, special items for children and infants, such as diapers, formulas and toys, should be brought along with other items for family members who may have other needs.

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WILDFIRE SAFETY

BE PREPARED TO EVACUATE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE and obey all evacuation orders from officials. Follow these steps (if time allows):

- Shut all windows and doors. Remove flammable window shades, curtains and close metal shutters.
- Move flammable furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.
- Shut off gas at the meter; turn off pilot lights. Shut off the air conditioning.
- Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside (patio furniture, toys, trash cans).
- Turn off propane tanks. Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
- Don't leave sprinklers on or water running, they can affect critical water pressure.
- Back your loaded car into the driveway and keep all doors and windows closed.
- Ensure your [emergency supplies kit](#) is in your vehicle.
- Locate your pets and take them with you.

HEAT SAFETY

- Never leave children or pets in your vehicle.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of non-caffeine and non-alcoholic fluids.
- Check on family, friends and neighbors without air conditioning, who are alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.
- If you don't have air conditioning, seek relief from the heat in places like schools, libraries, theaters, malls, etc.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Postpone outdoor activities.
- Take frequent breaks if working outdoors.
- Check on animals frequently. Make sure they have plenty of cool water and shade.

Download the Red Cross Emergency App

In addition to the free Red Cross app "Emergency", the Red Cross First Aid app gives you instant access to information on handling common first aid scenarios, including heat emergencies. [Download](#) for free here or search for 'American Red Cross' in your app store.

How You Can Help

Help people affected by disasters like home fires, wildfires and countless other crises by making a gift to American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small. Call, click, or text to give: visit redcross.org, call 1-800 RED CROSS or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. Become a trained Red Cross volunteer by signing up at redcross.org/volunteertoday.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org/centralcalifornia or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCrossCCR](https://twitter.com/RedCrossCCR).