

## Important Wildfire Definitions

### Emergency Info BC ([Evacuation Alert vs. Evacuation Order](#))

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<b>Company:</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	

Many wildfires in B.C. occur far from cities and towns, but sometimes they threaten homes, businesses and infrastructure. If a wildfire ends up threatening property or infrastructure, an Evacuation Alert or Order may be issued. What's the difference?

#### **Evacuation Alert**

This is the time to get prepared to leave your home on short notice. Get your grab-and-go bags ready (which should include several days of clothing, toiletries and medications), your emergency plan, copies of important documents and important mementos.

Listen to local emergency officials for further information on the situation.

#### **Evacuation Order**

Leave the area immediately. Follow the directions of local emergency officials and evacuate using the route(s) they've identified. Do not return home until you've been advised that the Evacuation Order has been rescinded.

For those needing additional support, an Emergency Support Services Reception Centre may be opened.

#### **Evacuation Rescind**

Once local officials determine the situation is currently safe, the evacuation will be rescinded and you can return home. Continue to stay tuned for other possible evacuation alerts or orders.

#### **What is a Declaration of State of Local Emergency?**

Declaring a state of local emergency enables local authorities in the Province of British Columbia to exercise the emergency powers listed in the Emergency Program Act. The emergency powers are utilized by the local authority to order the evacuation of residents from their homes, prohibit travel and enter private property when an emergency threatens lives, property, or the environment within the local authority's jurisdiction.