

Natural Disasters

On Pine Mountain, and for the purposes of this booklet, we have identified three common natural disasters that could occur here.

1. **Wildfires** - Wildfires can spread quickly throughout our wooded areas around homes, especially if there is a strong wind during the fire. For this reason, our Covenants and Restrictions prohibit all open fires on POA properties.
2. **Winter Storms** - Snow and/or icy conditions on our steep, curving roads can be exceptionally hazardous. Sidewalks and driveways can also prove dangerous. Our Winter temperatures can be low enough to cause hypothermia if not dressed properly. Exposure to the cold for prolonged periods of time can cause severe injury or death. Dress in layers if uncertain of the changing weather.
3. **Thunderstorms/Tornadoes**- Residents of Pine Mountain can experience severe weather. Some storms can cause severe damage due to intense winds, lightning, and high amounts of rainfall. Falling trees, flooding, landslides, and power outages can occur. Take precautions and have a plan in place for severe weather.

Preparedness Kits

Make an Important Documents Folder

- Create a Safety Plan. Having a plan is the key to staying safe. Determine methods of communication to use and a meeting place in case of separation separated from loved ones.
- Keep a folder with copies of all important papers including, but not limited to: Identification (Driver's License, Passport, State/Fed ID); important documents; insurance policies, health records, banking and financial records, pet, school and workplace records, a list of contact information (in case your phone is not available).

Pack a Basic Survival/Car Kit

- Bring all medications, a first aid kit w/large and small bandages, hydrogen peroxide, gloves, disinfectant wipes,
- Nylon carrying bag packed with a flashlight, batteries, phone charger, transistor radio, matches/lighter, can opener, Ziploc type bags, tape, bug spray, rope, whistle, etc.
- Small toolbox, ABC fire extinguisher
- Bedding/sleeping bag stored in waterproof plastic (garbage bag)

PINE MOUNTAIN PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



Disaster Preparedness Plan for Residents

Introduction

No one wants to be in a situation where a decision to evacuate, or stay and defend our homes and property, must be made. Either way, our number one goal is to keep ourselves, our families, and our pets safe from harm. In most cases, if there is a natural disaster headed our way, we usually get plenty of warning, but we must always be prepared.

This booklet provides emergency phone numbers, basics for creating an emergency plan, a plan for disaster preparedness and an evacuation plan.

Our community belongs to the nation's FIREWISE Community Program. A Firewise brochure is available upon request.

Emergency Phone Numbers

Services

Emergency – 911

Non-Emergency Medical Burke County	828-437-1911
Non-Emergency Sheriff Burke County	706-554-2133
Burke County Sheriff's Office	828-438-5500
South Mountain Fire Department	828-438-8300
South Mountain State Park (Rangers)	828-433-4772
Rutherford Electric Co-op (Report Outage)	828-245-1621
Rutherford Electric Co-Op (Check for Outage)	800-342-5397
Burke County Animal Services	828-764-9588
Wildlife Violations	828-662-7137
Wildlife Helpline	866-318-2401

Hospitals

UNC Health Blue Ridge Hospital – Morganton	828-580-5000
UNC Health Blue Ridge Urgent – Morganton	828-580-3278
UNC Health Blue Ridge Hospital – Valdese	828-580-7640
Frye Regional Medical Center – Hickory	828-315-5000
Catawba Regional Medical Center – Hickory	828-326-3000

Notifications

There are several ways Pine Mountain residents and landowners are informed in case of an emergency.

- **Phonevite** – The POA office keeps a contact list of all residents and property owners for use when there is an emergency event. ALWAYS make sure contact information is up to date. This is vitally important in the event of an emergency.
- **Website** - pinemountainpoa.org
- **Email** – Emails will be sent depending on the situation.

Emergency Phone Apps – (apps can change, so test occasionally)

iPhone

- Smart911
- Foothills Weather
- iPhone weather apps
- Burke County Public Schools

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- Smart911
- Burke County Sheriff
- Google Weather Apps

Evacuation Plan

In most cases of evacuation, residents should exit the community via Pine Mountain Drive or Pine Ridge Drive. Know your exit route, the amount of time it takes to get out and the safest direction to travel upon leaving the community. Having a drill or practice run can help secure your plan and show problems that may arise. Drills show weakness in a plan. Make sure all your family members know the plan and do not forget to have a place to meet in the event of unexpected separation.

