



September 11, 2020

RE: Wildfire Alert Notice



Dear Home Forward Participants:

As you may be aware, the area has experienced extreme smoke and air quality issues due to the ongoing wildfires nearby. Areas of Clackamas County have been put under Level One or Level Two evacuation notice. This is still miles away from most of us, but it is possible that your area will be put under a notice as well, and we want you to be alert. You can stay informed via Multnomah County <https://multco.us/air-quality-public-health-problem/september-2020-wildfire-threat-multnomah-county>, TV, and radio, for news about evacuations in the area.

Everyone should make plans now in case the situation gets worse; consider what you would take and where you would go. To find a safe place to stay, listen to local officials for evacuation guidance, including the nearest temporary evacuation point. You can also visit <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html> or view open shelters through the Red Cross Emergency app. If you don't have access to a computer or smart phone, **call 211**, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

If you are evacuating with pets, visit RedRover.org/WesternFires to view their list of pet-friendly evacuation shelters and tips.

We recommend that all residents sign up for the Multnomah County emergency alert system to receive text alerts regarding wildfires and other updates. You may sign up here: <https://www.publicalerts.org/signup>. If you have renter's insurance, reach out to your agent and ask if your plan covers mandatory evacuations.

Please contact Home Forward at 503-802-8300 if you have any questions. If you live at a property we manage, contact your Property Manager. Please stay safe!

Please see attached the levels of evacuation for Multnomah county and the pre-evacuation preparation steps.

Sincerely,

Home Forward