



PRESS RELEASE

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Santa Barbara County Joint Information Center
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THOMAS FIRE: All Evacuation Orders Lifted

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – All Santa Barbara County mandatory and voluntary evacuation orders have been lifted effective 9 am on December 21, 2017.

For those who have animals in shelter care, please pick up your animals before returning home.

Once a wildfire has burned through an area, many dangers may remain. Please exercise safety precautions when returning to your home.

- When entering your property check for trees, brush, rocks and debris. Trees may be weakened or destroyed as a result of the fire. Be on the lookout for utility poles which may be weakened.
- As you walk around your property, check for fire or fire damage. Hot embers may be seen in rain gutters, on the roof and under overhangs, under decks and in crawl spaces. You may see marking tapes or placards on your mailboxes or home. These were used by first responders and can now be discarded.
- If your services are off, check for burned service equipment and facilities. If there is visible damage, DO NOT attempt to repair or turn on these services. Call your local utility companies.
- Once you have secured the outside of your home, check inside for fire or fire damage. Check for embers in the attic which may have entered through vents. If electricity is off, turn off all appliances before turning it on. Check if the phone is working. Check if security systems and alarms are working.

If you find any of these conditions:

1. Fire or other emergencies – stay away and call 911
2. Damaged utilities – report them to your local utility

For questions, please call the Thomas Fire Information Help Line at 681-5542.

Emergency Alert System:

It is critical that people in Santa Barbara County register to receive emergency alerts. Sign up at www.AwareAndPrepare.org. If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

Stay Connected:

For ongoing updates, go to www.CountyofSB.org, follow @countyofsb on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), or call 2-1-1 from 805 area code or 800-400-1572 outside of 805, or text your zip code to 898-211.

Sistema de Alerta de Emergencia:

Es muy importante que las personas en el Condado de Santa Bárbara se registren para recibir alertas de emergencias. Inscríbete a www.AwareAndPrepare.org, si no podemos localizarte, no podemos alertarte.

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