



## **= JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER =**

Dear Mast Realty tenants!

In light of the deadly Soberanes fire in Monterey County we would like to provide you with a list of precautions that you can take to be safe if disaster strikes again.

### **→ PREPARE YOUR HOME**

- Make sure the roof and gutters are clean of leaves and debris– call us to get this done!
- Maintain an area approximately 30' away from you home that is free of anything that will burn, such as wood piles, dried leaves, newspapers and other brush.
- Connect garden hoses long enough to reach any area of the home and fill garbage cans, tubs, or other large containers with water.
- Review your renter's insurance policy and also prepare/update a list of your home's contents.

### **→ MAKE AN EMERGENCY PLAN**

- Know your wildfire risk.
- Make a wildfire emergency plan.
- Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, and first aid supplies.
- Familiarize yourself with local emergency plans. Know where to go and how to get there should you need to evacuate.
- Stay tuned to your phone alerts, TV, or radio, for weather updates, emergency instructions or evacuation orders.

### **→ BASIC SAFETY TIPS**

- If you see a wildfire and haven't received evacuation orders yet, call 9-1-1. Don't assume that someone else has already called.
- If ordered to evacuate during a wildfire, do it immediately - make sure and tell someone where you are going and when you have arrived.
- Many communities have text or email alerting systems for emergency notifications. To find out

what alerts are available in your area, search the Internet with your town, city, or county name and the word "alerts."

- If you or someone you are with has been burned, call 9-1-1 or seek help immediately; cool and cover burns to reduce chance of further injury or infection.

We hope that these tips will keep you safe and sound not only this summer, but for many years to come.

Below are some useful websites and phone numbers:

**CAL FIRE has LIVE info on active wildfires in California - <http://calfireinformation.weebly.com>**

**Fire Safe Council of Monterey County is a local non-profit - <http://www.firesafemonterey.org>**

**Ready.GOV has information on various disaster preparedness scenarios - <https://www.ready.gov>**

**Emergency phone - 9-1-1**

**Mast Realty EMERGENCY ONLY line - 831-601-5856**

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Summer is also the busiest season for moving. People relocate for work, for school or take extended vacations. If you decide to move this summer, please remember about Mast Realty, we are here to help you figure out your next step: are you going to rent again, or is it the right time to become a homeowner?

**If you are thinking about buying a house but don't know where to start,  
CALL US TODAY @ 831-384-0422 OR E-MAIL [MASTREALTY@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MASTREALTY@YAHOO.COM)!**

**We will guide you through the process step-by-step and provide a deluxe  
1-year home warranty for your new home as a token of appreciation  
for using our real estates services!**

Before you begin the process of buying a house you need to know what you can afford. Typically this comes down to how much of a loan the bank will give you. One route to take is to get pre-qualified. The pre-qualification process is one in which a mortgage company interviews you and asks questions about the individuals finances, including debts. An estimate of how much the buyer can afford is given at the end of the interview. However, if you are serious about shopping for homes this summer, what will be expected from you together with the purchase offer and down payment is an official letter of pre-approval from your lending institution. For pre-approval a credit check is run and the amount of available down payment is taken into consideration. The lender also looks at any owed debt and even if you are a first time homebuyer. Pre-approval process generally takes a couple of days and can be done at your bank, credit union or by a mortgage broker of your choice.

Mast Realty is here to guide you through the process and answer all your questions!

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