Cambria is located entirely within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), with limited evacuation routes, narrow roads, and a highly forested landscape. In recent years, extreme fire events, power outages, and seismic activity have underscored the need for proactive planning. While many long-term residents are connected to emergency resources, short-term guests often lack critical information. Vacation rentals must be equipped to protect guests and support neighborhood-wide emergency resilience. To improve guest safety, reduce emergency response burden, and align vacation rental operations with Cambria’s high fire hazard and coastal hazard risks, we propose the adoption of a standardized Emergency Preparedness & Safety Packet for all permitted short-term rentals in the Cambria area.

We recommend that each permitted vacation rental is required to include the following:

**Guest-Facing Emergency Placard (posted inside the home)**

Includes:

* Property’s evacuation zone and route map
* QR code to real-time alerts (e.g., ReadySLO, Cal Fire, Protect.Genasys.com)
* Instructions for evacuation readiness during Red Flag warnings
* Utility shutoff locations (gas, electric)
* Contact info for:

911

Cambria Fire Department

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff – Coast Station

Vacation rental manager

PG&E Outage Center

Nearest local hospital and urgent care

**Emergency “Go Bag” or Supply Kit (visible and stocked)**

Contents include:

* 72 hours’ worth of bottled water and non-perishable food for 2 persons
* Flashlight + batteries
* First-aid kit
* N95 masks (wildfire smoke)
* Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
* Copy of evacuation plan and emergency contact card

**Pre-Arrival Guest Communication**

Management companies should:

* Include links to:

<https://ReadySLO.org>

<https://Protect.Genasys.com>

<https://FireSafeSLO.org>

**Property Safety Compliance Requirements**

* Defensible Space
* Backup power plan for outages (e.g., battery system or generator)
* Clearly marked exterior address for first responders
* Rentals in areas lacking cell service must provide a working landline or internet-connected phone for emergencies