

Office of Emergency Management

EVACUATION GUIDE

A wide variety of emergencies may cause an evacuation. In some instances you may have a day or two to prepare, while other situations might call for an immediate evacuation. Planning ahead is vital to ensuring that you can evacuate quickly and safely, no matter what the circumstances.



BEFORE

Plan



Plan how you will leave and where you will go if you are advised to evacuate. Are you going to a friend's house or a motel? If you have a pet, can the pet go with you? Do you have alternate routes and other means of transportation?



Communicate

Develop a family/household communication and re-unification plan.



Assemble

Assemble supplies that are ready for evacuation, both a "go-bag" you can carry, and supplies for traveling by longer distances if you have a personal vehicle.

DURING

Look & Comply



Look for a list of open shelters on the FEMA app. It is important to comply with evacuation plans. Staying put not only risks the lives of you and your loved ones, but also diverts resources should a rescue be needed.



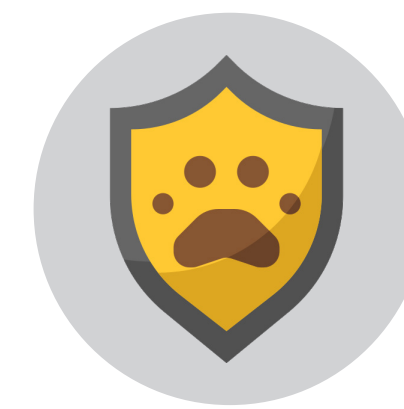
Listen

Listen to a battery-powered radio and follow local evacuation instructions.



Avoid

Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather and take your emergency supply kit.



Act

Take your pets with you, but understand that only service animals may be permitted in public shelters.

AFTER

Monitor



Check with local officials both where you're staying and back home before you travel.



Be ready

Be ready for disruptions to daily activities.



Avoid

Avoid downed power or utility lines. If you see any report them immediately to your power or utility company.