



EVACUATION PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST



IT PAYS TO BE PREPARED

If authorities recommend you leave your home, business, rental unit or care facility, you will need a plan prepared well in advance of the emergency. Authorities may ask you to temporarily leave an area impacted by: a train derailment involving a hazardous materials spill with or without a fire, flash flooding, a wildfire and any other incident that may pose a serious risk to your life or property.

HOW TO PREPARE

Notification Process

Understand how your community will warn you an evacuation is underway. Does your county or city use a mass notification system? If so have you signed up? Contact your [county emergency manager](#) to learn more.

EMERGENCY TO GO KIT

Determine, in advance, what you would need to take if authorities suddenly recommended you evacuate. Each person's needs are different but some common items might include:

Basics:

- Money (cash, credit cards, checkbook)
- Identification
- Cell phone charger
- Medications
- Bottled water/snacks
- Eyeglasses/contact lenses and supplies

If you are elderly consider adding:

- Denture needs
- Hearing aid batteries

If you have an infant consider adding:

- Formula
- Diapers
- Bottles

If you have a pet consider adding:

- Extra food & water
- Collar with ID tag
- Leashes or pet carrier
- Plastic bags

REUNIFICATION PLAN

You may be asked to evacuate at a time when your family is separated: kids may be at school, one parent may be at work etc. It is crucial to have a pre-established meeting point for your family to reunite in the event cell phone service is disrupted and you can't return to your home. Choose a church, library, family friend's home or any other memorable location near your neighborhood but not actually in it.