



Evacuation Preparedness Checklist

If evacuation is anticipated and time allows, follow this checklist to give your family and home the best chance of survival.

Don't wait for an evacuation order if you feel unsafe or conditions change; leave early if unsure.

15 minutes to evacuate

- First aid kit (including medications, glasses, hearing aids and batteries)
- Change of clothes for each member of the household
- Car and house keys
- Radio/charged cell phone
- Phone charger
- Cash and personal identification
- Pets, leashes, carriers, meds and food for 3 days

30 minutes to evacuate

- All items from 15 min Check List and...
- 3 days worth of food (non-perishable) and water - 1 gallon per person per day
- Family member and emergency contact information
- Flashlight
- Personal hygiene items
- Any important documents (birth certificates, passports, insurance papers)
- Maps of the area

1 hour to evacuate

- All items from 15 and 30 min Check List and...
- Sleeping bag/emergency blanket for each member of household
- Games and activities for kids
- Leave a note with your contact info and out-of-area contact taped to fridge or inside a front window.
- Shut all windows and doors (interior too) and leave them unlocked.
- Move furniture to the center of the room, away from windows
- Shut off HVAC and ceiling fans

Evacuation Warning

- Using all the checklists here, have all your things packed. And if time allows...
- Take photos of expensive belongings, incl. serial numbers on electronics. Record video tour through your home for insurance claim purposes.
- Back your car into driveway, loaded, with doors and windows closed.
- Prop open fence and side gates
- Place ladder(s) at the corner(s) of structures for firefighters.

Check on your elderly or disabled neighbors to make sure they are aware of the danger and ready/able to flee, too.

Don't forget these...

Make your list of personal items you don't want to forget, if time allows.

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