

In Case of Evacuation

In a disaster, it may be necessary to evacuate your home for several days. Because disasters can strike with little or no warning, you should be prepared to leave at a moment's notice. Know the steps to take in case of evacuation.

- ✓ Contact the Office of Emergency Management to learn evacuation routes for your area.
- ✓ Determine where you will go if your area is evacuated.
- ✓ Discuss with your family the possibility of evacuation.
- ✓ Find out your child's school evacuation policy.
- ✓ Check that your disaster supply kit is assembled and ready to go.
- ✓ Make sure your car is filled up, fuel may be in short supply.

WHEN AUTHORITIES TELL YOU TO EVACUATE

- ✓ Bring your disaster supply kit.
- ✓ Wear sturdy shoes and clothing.
- ✓ Unplug home electronics.
- ✓ Lock doors and windows.
- ✓ Turn off the main switches and valves for gas, water and electricity, if instructed.
- ✓ Inform a friend or relative of your route.
- ✓ Follow recommended evacuation routes. Watch for washed-out bridges, flooded areas and downed power lines.

PETS

- ✓ Pets should not be left behind during a disaster, but do not risk your own safety attempting to find them if you must evacuate quickly.
- ✓ Attach ID tags to your pet with your name and address.
- ✓ Make a list of pet shelters and of hotels that permit animals in the area you would evacuate to.
- ✓ Put together an emergency supply kit for your pet. Include things like a first aid kit, food dishes, a litter box, a leash or pet carrier, medication, food, veterinary records and water.

If You're Going to a Public Shelter

- Be aware that alcoholic beverages, pets and weapons are not allowed in public shelters.
- Practice patience and cooperation. Sharing space with many others can be a challenge.
- Stay in the shelter until authorities advise you it is safe to leave.