



Your Disaster Resource and Response Team Reminds You:

Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.

Having to leave your home in a hurry because of a man-made or natural disaster can be a confusing experience, especially if you try to rescue and pack what is precious to you rather than what is just necessary. The best evacuation plans are simple and agreed upon by the whole family well in advance.

Start by considering common types of emergencies in your area as well as the most common related, but indirect causes of harm (e.g. carbon monoxide poisoning when people are sheltering from blizzards).

Make an evacuation plan and keep a copy of it in an easy to reach place, where it serves as a reminder (by the phone, the front or back door, or even on the refrigerator).

Let everyone know where you keep the household “grab-and-go” bags. Each family member should have a bag with three days of clothing, hygiene products (don’t forget the toothbrush), important documents, and other items tailored to their individual needs (toys, baby formula). If it is ready to be “grabbed” at a moments notice, it will save precious time if you need to evacuate. It is recommended that you check these supplies twice a year and replace any necessary items on January 1 and July 4.

Rehearse your evacuation plan once a year. Quiz the kids to make sure they remember the most important information: where to meet and how to contact other family members.



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Make your evacuation plan:

- Who does the plan include?
- Where are the exits in your home/building? Does everyone know how to escape using the emergency exits?
- Where will your family meet to prepare for an evacuation out of the area/out of town?
- Where will you meet if there is a sudden emergency inside the home, such as a house fire? (The mailbox across the street is often a good idea).
- What other emergencies are likely in your home and your region?
- In an emergency, how will you let each other know that you’re safe?
- Is there cell phone reception at each of the evacuation points? (It’s very likely there won’t be any in a storm shelter or tornado room and text messages may be the only way to notify family and friends).
- Where are the grab-and-go bag(s) kept?
- Where will you keep your evacuation plan?

It’s a good idea to have:

- NOAA weather radio (and batteries).
- Names, websites, phone numbers and addresses for local emergency/rescue services. E.g. 211 for information.
- An address for your local emergency shelter(s), if there is/are one.
- A hospital address and a paper map with directions.
- Mobile phone numbers for all of the adults in the family and the names of a family member or close friend who live in a different town (name and number).

From Evacuation Essentials Checklist: “How to Make a Life-Saving Evacuation Plan for our Household” by Survival Prepper on December 16, 2016

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