

During an evacuation, taking proactive safety measures for you and your loved ones is crucial. This guide offers preparation information, tips, and tricks.

What does it mean?

Evacuation Warning:

This warning indicates a potential threat to your life or property. Keep in mind that some emergency services may use terms like “advisory” or “notice” instead of “warning,” but they all convey the same message: There is a significant likelihood that you will need to evacuate, so it is essential to prepare accordingly.

Evacuation Order:

An order signifies an immediate threat to your life and/or property. It is a lawful directive to vacate the area immediately, and the public is not permitted to return until the order is rescinded. When an evacuation order is issued, it is mandatory, and you must leave without delay!



Was there a power outage while you were away? Try this trick.



Place a coin atop of a cup of water and freeze it. If the coin is found at the bottom of the cup when you return, it means the power went out and your food might have spoiled.



Don't Panic!

- Focus on deep breathing and relaxation techniques.
- Use motivating affirmations like “relax” or “stay calm.”
- Maintain a positive mindset and accept your feelings.
- Stay informed while limiting media exposure.
- Keep in touch with loved ones.
- Prioritize physical health: Stay hydrated, rest, and eat well.



Tips

- Never ignore evacuation orders.
- Identify and quickly proceed to nearest exits.
- Avoid using elevators.
- Take your emergency supply kit and unplug appliances.
- Listen to local evacuation instructions.
- Turn off gas, electricity, and water.
- Wear suitable clothing and sturdy shoes.
- Assist those with physical impairments.
- Stay away from the building until safe.
- Only take essential items and follow emergency routes.
- Know pet evacuation options and adhere to your preparedness plan.
- Stay informed and communicate calmly while remaining flexible.

Preparing for an EVACUATION

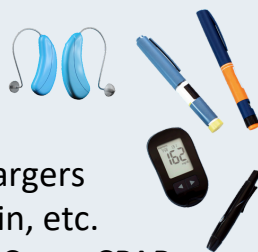


If you only had
MINUTES
 to evacuate, what would you take?

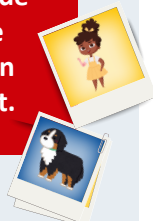


3-5 Minutes

- Wallet or purse
- Important keys
- Cell phone and chargers
- Medications: insulin, etc.
- Medical Devices – Cane, CPAP, oxygen, feeding tubes, hearing aids, etc.
- Pets
- Cash
- Glasses, contacts, dentures
- Emergency documents – passports, identification cards, birth certificates, proof of residency. Make sure to back-up your documents on a thumb drive.



Scan the QR code
 to view more
 information on
 preparing a kit.



Or visit:

redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/National/BE%20RED%20CROSS%20READY.pdf

15 Minutes

- Several changes of clothes
- Portable power source
- People and pet 72-hour pack: food, water, other supplies
- First aid kit
- Personal care items
- Breast pump, bottles, and formula
- Manual wheelchair



Don't forget your furry friends!

Scan the QR code for additional information on creating a preparedness kit for your pets.



Phone has water damage?

If your phone or charger becomes wet, place the items in a plastic bag filled with rice. The rice will absorb the moisture.



30 Minutes

- Personal protective equipment (PPE) Battery- or crank-powered radio and extra batteries Sanitation kit (build your own or for purchase). Don't forget tampons, sanitary wipes, and/or adult incontinence products.
- Flashlights
- A whistle
- Pen and paper
- Extra gas
- Laptops and personal electronics
- Hard drives



30+ Minutes



- Pack items for children and pets, such as toys, food, and leashes.
- Don't forget to take any important memorabilia, such as family photos or keepsakes.
- Backup, portable power source



Avoid getting stranded!

Always maintain your vehicle's fuel level at full or, at a minimum, three-quarters full.