

PREPARING FOR AN EVACUATION



American Red Cross



PREPARING YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Prepare now for possible evacuation in a COVID-19 environment: Community evacuation may be required if it is determined there is an imminent threat to life. This threat may be due to a fire, flooding or a biohazard leak or spill. It is important that you prepare now so that you and your family can stay safe.

Keep an Emergency Supply Kit that includes:

- prescription medicine
- clothing, food and water
- phone chargers
- personal protective equipment (PPE)
- hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes

When to leave

- If you are told to evacuate by local authorities, do so immediately.
- You don't have to wait for an evacuation order. Leave your home if you feel unsafe.

Stay informed

Listen to the news for updates on the situation. Follow your local responding agencies on social media. Sign up for alerts at nocoalert.org.

Fire Weather

- A Fire Weather WATCH is used to alert the community that weather conditions could result in a wildfire, but that a wildfire is not imminent or occurring
- A Red Flag WARNING is issued when fire conditions are ongoing or expected to occur shortly. Be extremely careful with open flames.

Evacuation Route

Find the designated evacuation route for your area - plan at least two safe routes. Practice evacuating your home.

Get organized

Take time now to gather important documents. Make a written list of all phone numbers.

Animals

Gather small animals that you plan to take with you in one room. For larger animals, make plans to board them.

EVACUATIONS DURING COVID-19



Keep extra sets of personal protective equipment (PPE), including hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes in your kit and car.



If you need to go to an evacuation site, please remain in your car until directed by law enforcement.



When at an evacuation shelter, maintain social distancing guidelines and wear a mask at all times when interacting with others.