

Sheltering

Evacuation

- Keep listening to local radio or television stations.
- If authorities tell you to evacuate immediately, grab essentials and go.
- If you have more time, prepare your home.

If you are in an area that is being evacuated:

- Evacuate immediately if told to do so by authorities.
- Listen to a local radio or television station and follow the instructions of local emergency officials.
- Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes.
- Lock your home.
- Take your pets with you when you leave
- Use travel routes specified by local authorities.

If you have only moments before leaving, grab your Disaster Supplies Kit and go. If it is impossible for you to take your Disaster Supplies Kit, at least try to take the following:

- Any pets that you can get without endangering yourself.
- First aid kit
- A change of clothes and a sleeping bag or blankets for each household member
- Flashlight, radio, and water
- Car keys and house keys
- Cash and personal identification

If you have time before leaving and local officials have not advised an immediate evacuation, prepare your home before evacuating:

- Bring all pets into the house and confine them to one room.
- Put your Disaster Supplies Kit in your vehicle or by the door
- Tell your out-of-town contact in your Family Disaster Plan where you are going and when you expect to get there.
- Bring things indoors.
- Look for potential hazards.
- Turn off electricity at the main fuse or breaker, and turn off water at the main valve.
- Leave natural gas on
- Turn off propane gas service valves.
- If strong winds are expected, cover the outside of all the windows of your home.
- If flooding is expected, consider using sand bags to keep water away from your home.

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Prepare to be self-sufficient for at least three days.

Shelter-in-Place/Fallout Shelter

- In case of a chemical attack, take shelter on an upper floor
- In case of nuclear attack, take shelter from fallout radiation below ground

Long-Term Sheltering at Home

Stay put until authorities say you can leave.

If you are sheltering at home, you should:

- Stay in your shelter until local authorities say it is safe to leave.
- Maintain a 24-hour communications watch.