

EVACUATION CHECKLIST

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Each column includes everything in the columns to its left. Cross out what does not apply to you before you ever need it.

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WHAT TO DO AT EACH TIME WINDOW

5 MINUTES

- ☐ People and pets out
- ☐ Go bag
- ☐ Documents folder
- ☐ Medication
- ☐ Phone and charger
- ☐ Keys and wallet
- ☐ Shoes and a coat
- ☐ Leave

SKIP

Everything else, without exception

ADD YOUR OWN

1 HOUR

- ☐ Fuel in the car
- ☐ Water and food for a day
- ☐ Chargers and power bank
- ☐ Spare clothes
- ☐ Photograph each room for insurance
- ☐ Shut off utilities only if instructed

SKIP

Packing to a standard. Cleaning. Anything replaceable

ADD YOUR OWN

6 HOURS

- ☐ Some cash
- ☐ Pet carriers, food, vet records
- ☐ Irreplaceable items and hard drives
- ☐ Tell your out-of-area contact where you are going
- ☐ If flooding is expected and no evacuation has been ordered, move valuables upstairs, but only while it is safe to be in the building

SKIP

Furniture. Bulk food. Anything that fills the car you will want for people

ADD YOUR OWN

1 DAY

- ☐ Confirm where you are going and that they know
- ☐ Charge everything
- ☐ Fill the tank
- ☐ Follow official guidance on timing
- ☐ Go early if anyone moves slowly, or the route is limited

SKIP

Yard work or home hardening, which should have been done before

ADD YOUR OWN

FILL THESE IN NOW, NOT ON THE DAY

MEETING POINT OUTSIDE THE NEIGHBORHOOD

OUT-OF-AREA CONTACT AND PHONE

ROUTE OUT A

ROUTE OUT B

WHO HELPS WHOM

Gas: shut it off only if you smell gas, hear hissing or suspect a leak, then leave and call the utility. Never turn it back on yourself. Prepare to leave early, then follow the instructions you are given. Staged evacuation orders exist for a reason.