

## Preparing for Evacuation

Fires, flooding, landslides, volcanic eruptions. All of these have affected the Pacific Northwest in the past 50 years. In some cases, people have had a day or two to prepare, while other situations require immediate evacuation. If you're ready to go when disaster comes close to home, you'll have some peace of mind.

Here's what you need to do:

1. Plan how you'll leave and where you'll go if advised to evacuate.
2. Identify several places you could go in an emergency. A friend's home outside your area, a motel. Choose destinations in different directions so you have options.
3. If needed, identify a place to stay that will accept pets.
4. Be familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.
5. Follow instructions of local officials. Depending on the type of disaster, your route may be on foot.
6. Assemble a "go-bag" to carry when you evacuate on foot, by bicycle, or by public transportation. Store larger supplies for traveling in your personal vehicle.

### Three Kinds of Emergency Kits

- 1. Under-Bed Kit** (to help you get out of the house if it's damaged)  
Sturdy shoes, heavy gloves, protective eyewear, N95 dust mask, hard hat or bike helmet, flashlight, whistle, HELP/OK sign, neighborhood map, contact list
- 2. Go Bag** (survival essentials for 1-2 days)  
Every family member or pet needs one customized to individual needs. Water and food, head and face protection, hand and feet protection, medicines and first aid, communication devices, cash (small bills and coins), list of emergency numbers, copy of family emergency plan, personal hygiene kit (including heavy duty trash bags), flashlight and whistle



- 3. Evacuation Kit** (with supplies and tools to help you survive for 3 days-2 weeks)

This is the larger disaster preparedness kit we're assembling over the course of a year.

To learn more about the three kinds of emergency kits, check out the Neighbors Ready! website:

<https://www.neighborsready.org/go-bags.html>

# BE PREPARED

## BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

Include enough food, water, and medical supplies to prepare in case of an emergency.



## Create a Disaster Preparedness Kit Month Three, August 2024

### To Do:

- Identify family meet-up locations.
- Develop home evacuation plans.

### To Collect:

- 3 gallons water\*
- 3 cans ready-to-eat protein\* (tuna, chicken, etc.)
- Energy bars
- 3 cans fruit\*
- 1 box crackers
- Paper plates
- Playing cards
- Plastic container for personal items

\*Multiply by the number of people in your household.

Remember that every family is different. If you have someone with special needs to care for or pets to consider, be sure to include them in your Disaster Preparedness Plan.