Preparing for an evacuation
A guide for your family and home

We are prepared for nuclear emergencies and urge our customers to prepare as well. Keep your family safe with a plan that includes evacuation routes, special medical needs, important phone numbers and supplies. Here’s a guide to help you and your family get started.

Plan ahead:

To save time and avoid confusion during an emergency, there are a few pieces of information that will help you and your family be prepared.

I live in emergency planning area: ____________________________________________________________

My emergency reception center is located: _________________________________________________________

My best evacuation route is: ________________________________________________________________

I can pick my children up from their host school: _________________________________________________

My plan for my pets: ________________________________________________________________________

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Evacuation checklist:

If your area is instructed to evacuate, calmly and carefully pack necessities for up to one week. You can use the following checklist to prepare.

**Things to do:**

» Listen to local radio or television stations. Emergency officials will provide information and instructions.
» Follow evacuation directions.
» Secure your residence. Lock doors and windows.
» Pet owners are reminded that pets require special consideration. Pet owners must be prepared to care for and maintain control over their pets at all times. Please visit your county or the state’s Emergency Management website for additional information about pet preparedness and registration requirements.
» In addition to packing clothes for a few days, pack a separate change of clothes and shoes for each evacuee. Place the separate changes of clothing in a closed plastic garbage bag. Keep this clothing separate from the other packed clothing. The separate change of clothes per evacuee may be needed during the process of making sure contamination has been removed. Public Safety personnel will let you know if that becomes necessary.
» If you are not within the declared evacuation area, you should not evacuate. Continue to monitor the event and follow the instructions from local authorities. Evacuating when not required has the potential to increase the risk to your family and others by impeding the outbound traffic flow and slowing the evacuation from the affected area.
» If you require evacuation assistance, make arrangements now by contacting your local emergency management agency.

**Things to pack:**

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We hope you find this guide helpful as you prepare for an evacuation. Please keep in mind it is not intended to be all-inclusive. You can find additional resources at Ready.gov.