

EVACUATION  
PLANS  
&  
TO GO BAG

Are You Ready?

Is a series of handouts designed to assist you and your family to plan ahead for emergencies.



For more information on Evacuation Plans & To Go Bag —Check out these Helpful web-sites:



[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)



[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)



[www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov)



[www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

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## EVACUATION

### BE PREPARED TO EVACUATE:

- If there is time, secure your home: close and lock windows and doors, and unplug appliances before you leave. Authorities will instruct you if it is necessary to turn off utilities.
- Wear sturdy shoes and comfortable, protective clothing such as long pants and long-sleeved shirts.



## Go Bag ✓-List

### What to Have in Your Hand

Every household should consider assembling a **Go Bag** – a collection of items you may need in the event of an evacuation. Each household member's **Go Bag** should be packed in a sturdy, easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or suitcase on wheels. A **Go Bag** should be easily accessible if you have to leave your home in a hurry. Make sure it is ready to go at all times of the year.

- Copies of your important documents in a waterproof and portable container (insurance cards, birth certificates, deeds, photo IDs, proof of address, etc.)
- Extra set of car and house keys
- Credit and ATM cards, and cash, especially in small denominations. We recommend you keep at least \$50-\$100 on hand.
- Bottled water and non-perishable food such as energy or granola bars
- Flashlight, batter-operated AM/FM radio, and extra batteries. You can also buy

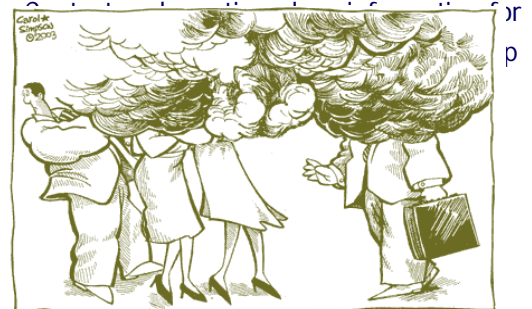
### EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY WHEN YOU:

- Are directed to do so by an emergency official.



wind-up radios that do not require batteries at retail stores.

- Medication for at least one week and other essential personal items. Be sure to change medications before they expire. Keep a list of the medications each member of your household takes, their dosages or copies of all your prescription slips, and your doctor's name and phone number.
- First-aid kit
- Sturdy, comfortable shoes, lightweight raingear, and a mylar blanket



"We're going to have to postpone this emergency. We haven't finished the employee evacuation plan yet."