

Stages of Evacuation —- What to do if you have a disability, chronic health condition or you are slow moving

STAGE 1-ALERT and BE READY

Residents are advised of the potential need for evacuation.

A Stage 1-Alert tells you the cause of danger (fire, flood). You may need to evacuate at any time.

Information is provided to tell you where you should go for safety and shelter.

Prepare to evacuate! Get important papers, medications, pet and personal supplies that will last for several days.

This is the time for preparation!

How will you leave?

Can you drive yourself? Who will help you with transportation?

What are you going to take with you?

IF you need additional time for travel, including getting into a vehicle, consider leaving now!

STAGE 2 - BE SET and BE PREPARED TO LEAVE AT MOMENTS NOTICE

This level indicates there is a significant danger to your area

A Stage 2-Alert tells you that you should voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family or friends outside of the affected area.

If you choose to remain in your home, you need to be ready and able to evacuate in fewer than 3 minutes.

You may NOT have time to gather personal belongings, pets or emergency supplies. Taking time to do so is at your own risk.

THIS MAY BE THE ONLY NOTICE THAT YOU RECEIVE.

STAGE 3 - GO NOW — LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!

Your area is in danger NOW! Evacuate immediately NOW!

If you choose to ignore this evacuation warning, understand that emergency services will not likely be able to help you.

DO NOT gather any belongings or try to protect your home—LEAVE.

Entry to evacuated areas may be denied until conditions are safe — No one can come for you.

You cannot get back in to help anyone who stayed behind.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST NOTICE THAT YOU RECEIVE.

To sign up for alerts, go to your local county sheriff's or emergency management website and click on ALERTS!