

EVACUATION ORDER:

Leave now! Evacuate immediately, do not delay to gather valuables or prepare your home. Follow any directions given in the evacuation order.

EVACUATION WARNING:

Evacuate as soon as possible. A short delay to gather your Go Kit and prepare your home (see below) may be ok. Leave if you feel unsafe.

SHELTER IN PLACE:

Stay in your current location or the safest nearby building or unburnable area. May be required when evacuation is impossible, too dangerous, or unnecessary.

Preparation can save lives in the event of an evacuation. Follow this checklist to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your property.

Personal Preparedness

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, regardless of the heat.
- Equip yourself with gloves, goggles, and a face covering such as a bandana, scarf, or an N95 respirator.
- Carry a flashlight or headlamp (even during the day), a cell phone, and a spare battery.
- Always keep your wallet, ID, car keys, and any necessary medications on you.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.
- Ensure your "Go Kit" is packed and in your vehicle.

For Your Pets and Animals

- Place pets in carriers immediately. You may not have time to catch them later.
- Ensure pets have tags and microchips for identification.
- Set carriers near the door with fresh water, food, and supplies.
- Large animals should be transported to a safe location before evacuation orders.

Inside Your Home

- Shut all windows and doors, including interior doors, and leave them unlocked.
- Remove flammable curtains or window coverings; close metal shutters if available.
- Move furniture to the center of rooms, away from windows.
- Turn off the gas at the meter or propane tank and extinguish the pilot lights.
- Turn off the air conditioning and fans.
- Leave indoor and outdoor lights on to help firefighters locate your home.

Outside Your Home

- Move flammable items at least 30 feet from your house.
- Close propane tank valves and move small tanks away from structures.
- Attach hoses to outdoor faucets and place buckets of water around your property.
- Clean gutters and remove leaves or debris near your home if time permits.
- Park your car facing outward with all windows and doors closed.
- Prop open gates and leave ladders in accessible locations for firefighters.

Neighborhood and Community Support

- Check on neighbors, especially those who are elderly or have disabilities.
- Ensure everyone in your neighborhood knows the situation and has a plan.
- Carpool when evacuating to reduce road congestion.
- Leave immediately if unsafe; do not wait for an official evacuation order.

Helpful Tips for Staying Prepared

In addition to your "Go Kit", here are a few extra tips to help you stay ready for any emergency:

- ***Fuel Up: Always aim to keep at least a half tank of gas during the week and a full tank on weekends.***
- ***Comfort Matters: Store an extra pair of comfortable shoes and, if possible, a change of comfy clothes in your car. These items can make a big difference if you're unable to get home quickly.***
- ***Extras Are Never Too Much: Having additional supplies, like water, snacks, or even a portable phone charger, is always a good idea.***

Remember, a little extra preparation goes a long way when it comes to safety and peace of mind!

Emergency Folder

- **PASSPORTS**
- **BIRTH CERTIFICATES**
- **SOCIAL SECURITY CARD**
- **INSURANCE CARDS**
- **IDENTIFICATION CARD**
- **PROOF OF RESIDENCY**
- **UTILITY BILL**
- **MEDICAL RECORDS**

GO KIT

- **Emergency Folder**
- **N95 respirator, goggles, and gloves**
- **Water bottles and non-perishable food**
- **Prescription medications and first aid kit**
- **Flashlight, headlamp, and extra batteries**
- **Extra keys, credit cards, and cash**
- **Phone chargers and backup power sources**
- **Personal items like glasses, contact lenses, and hygiene products**
- **Supplies for pets (food, water, leashes, medication)**

Evacuation Alerts and Communication

Sign up for local emergency notifications to stay informed about evacuation warnings and orders. If an evacuation is ordered:

- Evacuation Warning: Prepare to leave immediately. Gather your Go Kit and secure your home.
- Evacuation Order: Leave now. Do not delay.

The Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association has provided this checklist. Follow it to stay prepared, safe, and protect what matters most.

GRAB & GO LIST

LEVEL 4 - 5 MINUTE EVACUATION

LOCATION

- WALLET OR PURSE

- EMERGENCY FOLDER

- KEYS

- CELL PHONE AND CHARGERS

- MEDICAL DEVICES

- GLASSES

- EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE

- LAPTOP AND CHARGER

- MEDICATIONS

- SHOES & JACKET

- GO KIT

- PETS

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LEVEL 3 - 15 MINUTE EVACUATION

- PHOTO CONTAINERS

- SEVERAL CHANGES OF CLOTHES

- CASE OF BOTTLED WATER

- SLEEPING BAGS

- FIRST AID KITS

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LEVEL 2 - 30 MINUTE EVACUATION

- JOURNALS

- COOLER WITH FOOD

- BATTERY RADIO

- BLANKETS

- FLASHLIGHTS

- TENT

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LEVEL 1 - 1 HOUR EVACUATION

LOCATION

- AIR MATTRESS

- CAMP STOVE

- SHOVEL

- FIRE EXTINGUISHER

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Stay Ready, Stay Safe

Emergency preparedness is the key to protecting what matters most: your life, your loved ones, and your home. While we can't predict when disaster will strike, we can take steps now to minimize risk and stay one step ahead. By preparing your "Go Kit," making a family communication plan, and keeping a level head in stressful moments, you ensure that you're ready to act decisively when every second counts.

Let's commit to safeguarding our families, neighbors, and communities. Because together, we are stronger, more resilient, and ready for whatever comes our way. Stay prepared, stay vigilant, and stay safe.

For additional resources and tips, visit LARFPA.ORG