

EVACUATION ROUTES:

- The safest evacuation routes will be determined by the appropriate agencies and will be made public during the evacuation warnings and alerts.
- Evacuation routes cannot be pre-established. The location of the hazard, the behavior of the problem, and conditions such as wind direction will determine safe travel routes.
- Pay close attention to the evacuation route signs and/or personnel assigned to direct traffic. Stay on designated evacuation routes.

** Meet school children at designated registration/reception centers, or where your child's school designates. Check with your school officials to verify those emergency plans ahead of time!

TRANSPORTATION:

- Residents will be expected to use personal vehicles to evacuate. Pre-planning should be done with family and neighbors to arrange for transportation of individuals with special needs, or those without means of transportation. Persons with special needs, such as those confined due to medical conditions that prevent normal transportation, must make prior arrangements with family, friends, local emergency services, or the Apache/Navajo County Health District.

PLAN FOR SEPARATED FAMILY MEMBERS:

- Every family should establish plans for times when families may be separated. Include the following:
- Establish a relative or friend outside the area as an emergency contact where all family members can call to exchange information or gather. Determine who will transport family members unable to drive, or if no vehicle is available.

WHAT ABOUT MY ANIMALS?

Planning for care of pets and other animals should be included with the family evacuation plans. Once you have been evacuated you will NOT be allowed back in to retrieve your animals.

An animal's best protection is to be with its owner; however, this will not always be possible. Make sure to pack medicines, food, leashes, favorite toys and even a towel or blanket that has your scent. This will provide some comfort as pets may **not** be allowed inside shelter buildings!

Animal Control, and County Animal Rescue Team, along with other supporting agencies/volunteers will establish animal shelters. Some locations may have animal facilities next to the shelters or in the general area.

WHAT ABOUT LIVESTOCK?

The County Fairgrounds and/or other facilities may be available for livestock. If it is possible to safely relocate livestock prior to evacuation please do so.

A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO EVACUATION INFORMATION

FOR
Apache & Navajo
Counties



Keep This Life Saving
Guide Easily Accessible

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF A
THREATENED AREA IS PRIMARILY THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
EVACUATION WARNING & ALERT:**

Warnings and alerts will take place by several methods.

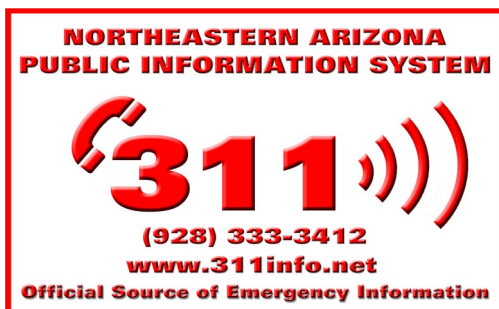
Local Radio—by government officials, Emergency Management directly, or through the “Emergency Alert System” (EAS). All emergency information will be available through local radio first.

National Weather Service—announces all emergency weather warnings and alerts.

Law Enforcement—or other emergency vehicles will announce by sounding sirens and giving information over public address loud speakers, as well as door to door contacts.

Ready Navajo County—*Navajo County residents only* A message may be sent out through phone (cellular or landline) or email advising residents of the emergency and may include instructions. Citizens in Navajo County may register at the Navajo County website by clicking on the Ready Navajo County link on the Emergency Management Department page.

Northeastern Arizona Public Information System—To obtain the latest information directly from the sources just dial 311 or visit our website. Only vetted information will be posted from qualified sources.



GET READY!

Put together a ready kit ahead of time to keep handy year round. Check these supplies yearly to make sure nothing has expired. You may not be allowed to stop at local stores for supplies.

- Driver’s license, ID cards
- Important documents/papers and valuables, check-book, credit cards, cash
- Medicines—take all medications with you
- Prescription glasses and dentures
- Sanitation and hygiene items
- Special dietary needs
- Infant formula and diapers—if you have an infant
- Sleeping bags or blankets
- Personal family photos
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Cell phone charger(s)
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Extra clothing for each person
- Three-day supply of nonperishable food and manual can opener
- Three-day supply of water—one gallon of water per person, per day
- Reading material, recreational items (games, cards etc)
- First aid kit and manual

Additional information on what to have in a “Ready Kit” can be found at www.ready.gov

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

- **Most importantly REMAIN CALM!**
- Closely follow the evacuation instructions given in the evacuation alert and/or by emergency responders.
- Close drapes and blinds.
- Turn off interior lights.
- Lock doors and windows.
- If you have time and know how, turn off gas/propane service.

GREEN TAG/ORANGE TAG

- A green tag to hang on the door or a visible place will be issued if you evacuate. This tag will have additional instructions and signal to law enforcement patrols to check the residents to make sure no one is around.
- An orange tag will be hung on the door or a visible place if you chose to not evacuate. You should know that you will NOT be allowed off of your property and emergency services may not be available to you as those resources will be working at the emergency in progress.

WHAT ABOUT THE SECURITY OF MY HOME?

Law Enforcement personnel will make every effort to provide security for the evacuated area. The nature of the emergency and the safety of personnel will determine where perimeters will be established. However, make sure your home is secured (locked) when you leave.

WHERE DO I GO?

REGISTRATION & RECEPTION CENTERS:

When evacuation orders are issued instructions on where to go will be given to residents.

It is vital that evacuees take the time to register at one of the reception centers. This information is compiled so that it is available for local officials and relatives to verify that you are safe and sound. Even those that choose not to stay at the shelter should register.