

How to Prepare for a Quick Evacuation



Sign up to receive emergency alerts

- Trinity County CodeRED: www.trinitycounty.org/oes/codered
- Ensure everyone in your household is signed up; encourage others to do so as well



Keep your keys, cell phone and wallet/purse in same place

- Develop the habit of keeping your keys, wallet/purse and cell phone in the same location, so you don't waste time looking for them



Keep enough gas to get out

Develop the habit of keeping at least a quarter tank of gas in your car at all times

- Gas stations get crowded during evacuations
- Cars get stranded on the road while idling during evacuations



Identify evacuation routes

- Your normal driving routes may be crowded, closed or dangerous during evacuations
- Be familiar with alternative ways out



Keep a pet carrier accessible and ready

- Whether for a dog, cat, rat or reptile, keep something readily accessible that your pet can stay in comfortably as you evacuate
- Your pet may need to stay in this carrier at your next temporary destination



Keep your cell phone contacts up-to-date

- Ensure family, friends, work, health care, insurance etc. contacts are always updated
- Keep a cell phone charger in your car at all times
- Memorize essential phone numbers or print out a back-up copy, just in case you can't access these phone numbers



Plan where you may go

- Plan where you may go if evacuated from your home
- Hotels fill up quickly, so have a backup plan
- You may need or want to get as far away as possible
- Consider family or friends outside of your area. Talk to them ahead of time



Plan what you will take

- Plan what you will take if there is time and what you will take it in:
- Medications
- Important documents, photos, computer back-ups, etc.
- Clothing, shoes, toiletries, sleeping bags, pillows, blankets (maybe purchased later)
- Food and water (may be purchase later)

