



## Pre-Evacuation:

### *What does this mean?*

There is no immediate danger to your home, family, or business. Now is the time to get ready. Refine your evacuation plans.

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### What to do...

#### Families and individuals

- Decide where you will go. Learn the location of Red Cross or other shelters.
- Determine a safe evacuation route.
- Pack supplies you will need for at least two weeks.
- Pack important records or special belongings.
- Decide where to meet if separated.
- Establish a family contact person.
- Consider moving important heirlooms, property, and large animals to a safe location.
- Ensure you have registered your phone to receive emergency notifications.
- Stay connected to official information sources such as TV, radio, or Internet.

#### Persons with special needs should do all of the above, plus

- Arrange for any specialized help needed for evacuation.
- Pack your medical equipment, specialized supplies, and medications.
- Ensure you have called 2-1-1 to add your name to the Emergency Evacuation Registry.

#### Residential healthcare facilities

- Confirm availability of specialized transportation.
- Review facility evacuation plans and continuity of operation plans.

#### Other businesses or organizations

- Develop a roster or checklist to account for all employees.
- Review facility evacuation plans and continuity of operation plans.



## Voluntary Evacuation:

### *What does this mean?*

The danger is moving closer to you. A mandatory evacuation order may be issued at any time. Now is the time to prepare for immediate evacuation.

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### What to do...

#### Families and individuals

- Load your supplies, records, and special belongings into your vehicle.
- Leave room in your vehicle for pets.
- Move large animals to a safe location.
- Stay connected to official information sources such as TV, radio, or Internet.

#### Persons with special needs

- If you need extra time to evacuate, go now.
- If you need help to evacuate, call 911.

#### Residential healthcare facilities

- Hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, etc., must evacuate their patients now, using pre-planned procedures.

#### Other businesses or organizations

- If your business or organization needs extra time to shut down operations, or has a large population of people or animals, you should begin evacuation now.

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## Mandatory Evacuation:

### *What does this mean?*

You are in immediate danger! Load your family and pets into your vehicle, and **GO NOW!** Once you have left the evacuation zone, you will not be allowed to re-enter until further notice.

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### What to do...

#### Families and individuals

- Take your critical medications and equipment, but only if you can load them quickly.
- Take your pets now because you will not be able to retrieve them later.
- Expect heavy traffic as you leave.
- When you have reached safety, advise your family contact person you are safe.
- Expect to be out of your home for two weeks or longer.

#### Persons with access, functional, or medical needs

- If you need help to evacuate, call 911.

#### Residential healthcare facilities

- If your facility cannot evacuate your patients using your pre-planned procedures, call 911.

#### Other businesses or organizations

- Use a roster or checklist to account for all employees.
- Evacuate your facility, according to your evacuation plan.
- Execute your continuity of operation plan, if needed.

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## Emergency Notification System

### El Paso-Teller E-911 Authority

- Ensure you have registered your phones to receive emergency notifications at: [www.elpasoteller911.org](http://www.elpasoteller911.org)
- It is recommended that you register your landline, VOIP, cell phone, and video phones.
- *NOTE:* New registrations may need up to 24 hours to take effect.

### READY Colorado

- READY Colorado offers preparedness tips tailored to our region. [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

### American Red Cross

- The Plan and Prepare web page has information on planning and preparing for natural and human caused disasters. [www.redcross.org/prepare](http://www.redcross.org/prepare)

### Emergency Evacuation Registry

- The Emergency Evacuation Registry is a tool to help plan for evacuation in case of an emergency. The Registry is for El Paso County residents who have some type of condition or impairment that would limit their ability to safely evacuate their home in a time of emergency. Call the United Way at 2-1-1 to register.

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- The CDC Emergency Preparedness and Response website is CDC's primary source of information and resources for preparing for and responding to public health emergencies. [www.bt.cdc.gov](http://www.bt.cdc.gov)



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# Ready... Set... Go!

for Evacuations

The three-phase model outlined in this pamphlet is aligned with the national "Ready, Set, Go" program that the International Association of Fire Chiefs ([www.wildlandfirersg.org](http://www.wildlandfirersg.org)) has developed for wildfire evacuation education.

### Potential disasters to plan for:



Winter Weather



Thunderstorms & Lightning



Tornadoes



Wildfires



Flooding

Emergency preparedness starts with you.

*Know your risk.*

*Make your plan.*

*Improve your outcome.*