

Example Emergency Evacuation Checklist

Potential Evacuation:

- Turn on your AM radio and tune KCBS - 740 AM, KNBR - 680 AM, or KGO - 810 AM for emergency information. Also monitor communications from TV, Internet, etc, and listen for emergency sirens and other directives. Monitor your 2-way FRS/GMRS radio on your neighborhood channel.
- Determine which routes (by vehicle and foot) could be your best potential evacuation options, and consider any unusual hazards you may encounter such as a wildfire or landslide.
- Talk to family members (at home and out-of-state emergency contact) about your plans. Decide whether you should leave before an evacuation is actually ordered, and where you would go.
- Secure your pet(s) and locate their necessary supplies (leashes, pet carriers, water, food, etc.).
- Gather essentials (emergency backpack(s) “go-bags”, vital documents, maps, valuables, radios, water, food, pet supplies, etc.) and put them in an accessible location for quick and easy access.
- Alert as many neighbors as you can by knocking on their doors. Locate any neighbors with special needs and offer to assist if possible.

Actual Evacuation:

- If police, fire or emergency personnel order you to evacuate, **leave the area immediately!** Follow their directions. Take your emergency backpack “go-bag”, 2-way radio, cell phone, supplies, etc.
- Whether leaving by vehicle or foot, be aware of your surroundings and what is happening around you. Watch for dangers such as fallen utility poles/wires, smoke/flames, narrow streets, water tanks, debris, etc. Monitor your 2-way FRS/GMRS radio and emergency AM radio channel.
- Take your pets with you, do not leave them behind. If it is not safe for you to stay, it is not safe for you animals to stay either. You may not be allowed to return for them for many days.
- Assist neighbors as necessary, but don't put yourself in danger.

After Evacuating:

- Report in at your pre-selected assembly area or family meeting place if possible.
- Make a list of those who evacuated safely and those who still might be in the danger area, including neighbors. Include individuals who are not present due to work, vacation, school, or similar situations. Provide the list to police, fire or emergency personnel.
- Get in touch with your out-of-state contact person and share information about your and your family's and friends' whereabouts and conditions.