



# Evacuation Checklist

## Before an Evacuation:

- Decide where your family will meet in case you are separated. Pick a meeting place within your neighborhood and outside of your neighborhood.
- Gather your Disaster-Supply Kit.
- Keep your vehicle's gas tank at least half full as gas stations may be closed during an emergency.
- Have multiple evacuation routes planned in case a road is closed or impassable.
- Develop a list of hotels/motels where you can stay until it is safe to return.
- Have a shelter list on hand in case hotels/motels are closed.
- Have a plan for your pet(s). Reminder: Most shelters won't accept pets.
- If you do not have a vehicle, make a plan for how you will evacuate. Ask friends, family, or you local officials for help.

## During an Evacuation:

- Follow directions given by officials.
- Use one vehicle per family to help reduce traffic congestion.
- Take your Disaster-Supply Kit with you.
- Contact the out-of-state contact in your Family Emergency Communications Plan and tell that person that you are leaving and where you are going.
- Leave a note in a visible location stating when you evacuated and where you went.
- Lock all doors and windows to your home before you leave.
- If instructed to do so, shut off all utilities to your home.
- If time allows, unplug electrical equipment such as TV's, radios, and other small appliances (leave refrigerators and freezers running).

## After an Evacuation:

- Do not return to your home until officials say it's safe.
  - Once you return home, take pictures and document any damage to your home or property.
  - If your utilities were shut off, find out how to turn them on again safely.
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- Visit [riema.ri.gov/preparedness/evacuation](http://riema.ri.gov/preparedness/evacuation) to view your community's evacuation map.
  - For additional evacuation information visit [riema.ri.gov/response/local](http://riema.ri.gov/response/local) for local emergency contact information.