

Steps to Prepare Your Family for Emergency Evacuations

- The Grundy County Emergency Management Agency can provide you with disaster relief information pertinent to your community.
- The warning system is a combination of outdoor warning sirens, EAS stations, or in some cases door-to-door notice.
- Evacuation routes are usually major routes and will be included in the evacuation notice, they can only be selected after availability and weather conditions are known.
- Ask about emergency shelters in your community and their rules concerning pets.
- If you have a disabled or a special-needs family member or neighbor or an elderly neighbor who lives alone, find out how to help them get to where they can be cared for properly in an emergency.
- Ask what disaster plans are in place for your child's school, day care center, and recreation center.
- Post emergency contact numbers in a prominent place in your home. Ensure that all family members are aware of the posting place and are familiar with the names and numbers. Teach your children how to dial 911.

- Prepare an emergency supply kit for each family member.
- Have a family meeting. Discuss the plan, set a meeting place in the event of a disaster, and plan a method to communicate with each other until all members are together again.
- Get a fire/waterproof lockbox for our very important papers. Prepare copies that can be stored elsewhere or carried with you during an evacuation. (Birth certificates, driver's licenses, marriage licenses, home information, credit cards, and any other information deemed important).

For more information, contact:



Grundy County Emergency Management Agency

Grundy County Local Emergency
Planning Committee

815-941-3212

Your Personal Evacuation Plan

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Personal Disaster Preparation

Disasters occur without warning. Events such as a release of toxic chemicals, or a tornado or flooding can have a devastating effect on our families and communities. We all need to prepare for the unexpected.

Evacuation is the process of leaving a potentially dangerous area. An evacuation order would require you to leave your home for your protection.

When Should I Evacuate?

Grundy County authorities are responsible for issuing orders for evacuations during disasters or emergencies. You may receive notice directly from police or fire officials, outdoor warning siren or through emergency broadcasts over radio or television.

As soon as you are notified that an emergency situation exists in your area, tune to a Grundy County Emergency Alert System (EAS) station for further information:

WCSJ (103.1 FM)
WJDK (95.7 FM)
WBEQ (90.7 FM)

Emergency information and steps to be taken will be broadcast continuously until the emergency is over.

Evacuation Supply Kit

These should be stored in an easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or duffle bag, and located in an easy-to-access place in the home.

- Extra set of car and door keys.
- Books and games for children.
- Special items for persons with special needs (babies, elderly and those with medical needs).
- Vitamins and prescription drugs, over the counter medications, such as aspirin or non-aspirin, anti-diarrhea, antacid, etc.)
- Change of clothing per person, sturdy shoes, and rainwear.
- Cell phone and charger.
- Sleeping bag and blanket.

First Aid Kit

Keep a first-aid kit in your car, and store these items in a location familiar to all family members:

- Bandages (sterile, adhesive)
- Safety pins (various sizes).
- Sterile gauze pads (various sizes).
- Non-prescription drugs.
- Scissors, tweezers, needles, antiseptic, thermometer, lubricant, tongue depressor.

Pet Evacuation

Pets are not allowed in shelters. Consider taking them to a hotel,

boarding kennel, or family or friend's home. You will need a bowl, food, medication, toy, kennel, leash, blanket, shot ID collar, rabies tag, and carrier or cage.

Emergency Plan Contact Information

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone No. : _____

Father's Work Name/No. : _____

Mother's Work Name/No. : _____

Day Care Name/No. : _____

School Name/No.: _____

Ambulance No.: _____

Fire Department No.: _____

Police Department No.: _____

Poison Control Center No.: _____

Family Doctor No.: _____

Electric Company No.: _____

Gas Company No.: _____

Local Contact Person: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Out of State Contact: _____

Telephone No.: _____