

READY, SET, GO!



Prepare now. Be alert. Evacuate!

ARIZONA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION GUIDE TO ALL-HAZARD EVACUATION

No matter where you live in the state, staying aware of hazards is important. Learn how you can prepare your family and home before an emergency. Taking action now can help you evacuate quickly before the threat reaches your doorstep.

READY – Prepare Now

Prepare for the hazards that can threaten your community.

- ⦿ Register with your county/tribal emergency notification system.
- ⦿ Connect with your Emergency Management/Sheriff's Office on social media.
- ⦿ Take steps now to prepare for seasonal threats.
- ⦿ Make a family communication plan that includes family phone numbers, out-of-town contacts and family meeting locations.
- ⦿ Assemble an emergency supplies kit (Go Kit). Start with the five P's; people and pet supplies, prescriptions, papers, personal needs and priceless items.
- ⦿ Check with your neighbors, family, friends, and elders to ensure they are READY.
- ⦿ Keep up to date on local news, weather watches and warnings.

SET – Be Alert

There is significant danger in your area.

- ⦿ Residents should consider voluntarily relocating to a shelter or with family/friends outside the affected area.
 - ⦿ Grab your emergency supplies kit.
 - ⦿ Keep in mind unique needs for your family or special equipment for pets and livestock.
- ⦿ Stay aware of the latest news and information from public safety officials.

This might be the only notice you receive. Emergency services cannot guarantee they will be able to notify everyone if conditions rapidly deteriorate. Be SET to GO.

GO – Evacuate

Danger in your area is current and life-threatening.

- ⦿ Residents should evacuate immediately to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area.
- ⦿ If you choose to ignore this advisement, you must understand emergency services may not be able to assist you further.
- ⦿ Follow instructions from emergency personnel, stay on designated evacuation routes and avoid closed areas.



ZONE 1: 0 – 30 feet from buildings

- ⦿ Trim or prune shrubs/vegetation to a height of 2 feet and provide clear space around each plant of at least 4 feet.
- ⦿ Remove all flammable material from the ground, under decks, and around propane tanks.
- ⦿ Keep roofs and gutters clear of debris.

ZONE 2: 30 – 100 feet from buildings

- ⦿ Remove all vegetation that would allow flames to climb up vegetation or buildings.
- ⦿ Trim limbs a minimum of 6 feet from ground.
- ⦿ Create islands of shrubs, thinning them enough to walk between them.
- ⦿ On slopes greater than 20% gradient, treatment should be extended an additional 100 feet from structures.
- ⦿ Stack wood piles at least 30 feet from structures.
- ⦿ Never prune near power lines, call your local utility company first.

For more information or assistance on defensible space, please contact your county/tribal Emergency Management Office.