

Emergency Procedures Cont.

If advised to leave (evacuate):

- STAY CALM, move rapidly but do not rush.
- Don't waste time gathering personal items except for special dietary needs and medications.
- Turn OFF lights, appliances and water.
- As you leave, lock your doors and TIE A WHITE TOWEL OR RAG ON YOUR FRONT DOOR to let emergency personnel know that everyone is out of the house.
- PLEASE LEAVE PETS AT HOME with plenty of food and water. Pets are not allowed in public shelters.
- Make sure neighbors have transportation. Always keep your car windows and vents tightly closed and your car radio tuned in to local stations for updates.

Shelters

- You will be given instructions by local officials regarding shelters if required.

Special Note

- If you have children in school, do not attempt to pick them up. If they could be affected, they will be taken care of. If they are not affected they will be cared for until you can pick them up.

All Clear

- When the incident is over and it is safe to go outside, or return home if evacuated, your local officials will provide advisories via your local radio, TV or incoming phone messaging.



What underground

- More utilities are being moved underground. Water lines, gas lines, electricity, fiber optics, and more. If any of these things are damaged, it could be harmful or even deadly. It is important to know what is under the ground before beginning any project that involves digging.

Rules for safe digging

- Before beginning any work that requires digging call 811. The request can be done online or over the phone and must be done at least two working days prior to starting any excavation. You will want to provide accurate details for your job location. This may include marking the area you are planning on digging.
- You must wait the two business days following the ticket request. This gives the utilities in the area time to mark their utility lines.
- After the lines have been marked, be sure to confirm that all the lines have been located. You can do this by comparing the lines located to the list of utilities provided by 811.
- Be mindful of the markers. They are there to act as guides to the locations of the utilities located underground. When you begin to dig avoid digging too close to any line. Check with state laws and the utility companies to verify how far off you need to be. If you cannot avoid digging near the marker, consider moving your project.