

# BE PREPARED

## Stay Informed

Evacuations may be mandated by any number of events: fire, flood, hazardous materials, and earthquakes to name a few. The actual evacuation of any area is the primary responsibility of Law Enforcement.

**Register with the Emergency Notification System:** <http://www.ycsoaz.gov/ENS>

## Packing for an Evacuation

Prior planning will prevent a stressful evacuation. We recommend a list of important items and their location so you can find and take them quickly.

When packing for an evacuation, remember the 5 P's: People/Pets, Prescriptions, Papers, Personal Needs, Priceless Items.

## Functional Needs

Prepare for emergencies by planning ahead. Create an evacuation plan for yourself, those with specific needs, and pets, while also utilizing community resources like RAVE Prepare. Build a support network and stay informed about potential threats. Remember, while local agencies and volunteers offer assistance, primarily, individuals must ensure their own preparedness.

**Learn more about RAVE Prepare and preparedness:** [www.yavapaready.gov](http://www.yavapaready.gov)

**FOR A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY,  
DIAL 9-1-1**

## Yavapai County Contact Numbers

Sheriff's Office.....	928-771-3260
Emergency Management.....	928-771-3321
Community Health Services.....	928-771-3122

## Non-Emergency Contact Numbers

### Prescott Regional Communications Center

Prescott Police Department & Yavapai Prescott Tribal Police.....	928-445-3131
Prescott Valley Police Department.....	928-772-9267
Yavapai College Police Department.....	928-776-2185
Central Arizona Fire & Medical Authority, Prescott Fire Department, Groom Creek Fire District, Walker Fire Protection Association.....	928-445-5357

### Cottonwood Public Safety Communication Center

Cottonwood Police Department, Cottonwood Fire & Medical Department, Copper Canyon Fire & Medical District, Sedona Fire Department, Jerome Fire Department, Verde Valley Fire District.....	928-649-1397
Clarkdale Police Department.....	928-634-2921
Jerome Police Department.....	928-634-2245

### Camp Verde Marshal's Office

Camp Verde Marshal's Office .....	928-554-8300
Yavapai-Apache Police Department.....	928-554-8370

**Sedona Police Department.....**928-282-3100

**Chino Valley Police Department.....**928-771-3260

**Department of Public Safety.....**928-773-3600

## USFS Contact Numbers

Prescott National Forest.....	928-777-5700
Coconino National Forest.....	928-527-3552
Tonto National Forest.....	480-457-1551



# BASIC EVACUATION PROCEDURES

# EVACUATION ROUTES & ACTIONS

## Evacuation Routes

Evacuation routes cannot be pre-established. The location of the hazard, the behavior of the problem, and conditions such as wind direction will determine safe travel routes.

Pay close attention to evacuations signs and/or personnel assigned to direct traffic. Stay on designated evacuation routes.

## Evacuation Actions

### If time permits:

- Tie a white towel or any large white cloth to, or near, the front door. This tells rescuers that you have evacuated.
- Unplug all appliances, except the refrigerator and freezer.
- Turn off gas or propane.
- Close drapes and blinds.
- Turn on exterior lights.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Secure outdoor items and valuables.
- Arrange for evacuation of second vehicle, etc.
- Be sure to check your homeowners/renters insurance policy for fire loss information and any special clauses related to disasters.

# READY. SET. GO!

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

BE AWARE OF DANGER IN THE AREA

- ✓ Connect with your Emergency Management/Sheriff's Office on social media.
- ✓ 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

SIGNIFICANT DANGER IN THE 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 IS IMMINENT

- ✓ 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.

## Informational Websites

### Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management

<https://www.yavapairready.gov>

### Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

<https://www.ycsoaz.gov>

### Yavapai County Flood District

<https://yavapaiaz.gov/ycflood/>

### Yavapai County Community Health Services

<https://yavapaiaz.gov/chs/>

### Wildfire Information

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>

<https://ein.az.gov/>

### Animal Disaster Services

<https://animaldisasterservices.com/>

### Large Animal Shelter & Emergency Readiness

<https://laser-shelter.org/>

**Monitor reliable and reputable sources for updated information regarding your incident.**

# COMMON EVACUATION QUESTIONS

## Where will evacuees go?

Evacuees will decide where they go. They may stay with family or friends, in a hotel/motel, or in an American Red Cross Shelter. Meals will be provided for evacuees in shelters.

## Where will the shelter be located?

The locations will be announced at the time of the evacuation. Shelter locations are dependent on the many variables associated with the incident.

## How will I evacuate?

Evacuees are expected to use their own personal vehicles. Plan ahead by designating someone to pick up individuals who are unable to drive or have no means of transportation (i.e. special needs, children, pets, livestock, etc.)

People with transportation concerns should make prior arrangements with family, friends, and local emergency services.

## What about my pets?

Your evacuation plans should include arrangements and care of pets and livestock. During an evacuation, we will activate Animal Disaster Services (ADS) and Large Animal Shelters & Emergency Readiness (LASER) to assist with sheltering animals impacted by the incident. Have a plan established before an emergency happens so you can rest easy knowing your animals will have a place to go.