

RV EMERGENCY EVACUATION CHECKLIST

A practical pre-departure checklist for RV owners preparing to evacuate during wildfires, storms, floods, outages and other emergencies.

PREPAREDNESS TIP Do not wait until an evacuation order to discover a dead battery, empty fuel tank or missing medication. Keep the RV maintained and ready to go.

VEHICLE & ROAD READINESS

- Fuel level checked; enough range for the planned route plus a reasonable buffer
- Tires inspected and inflated according to vehicle/manufacture guidance
- Engine fluids, brakes, battery, lights and wipers checked
- Hitch, safety chains, electrical connection and trailer brakes checked if towing
- Generator tested and ready if equipped
- RV height, length, width and weight limits known
- Basic tool kit, work gloves, tire-pressure gauge and spare fuses packed
- Primary and alternate evacuation routes reviewed

WATER & FOOD

- Fresh-water tank filled as appropriate for the trip and safe vehicle weight
- Separate drinking water packed and easy to reach
- Backup water filtration or treatment method packed
- Water hose and necessary RV water fittings packed
- Shelf-stable meals and snacks packed
- Food for children, allergies or special dietary needs accounted for
- Manual can opener and basic cooking supplies packed
- Pet food and extra pet water packed

POWER & COMMUNICATION

- House batteries charged and tested
- Generator fuel/energy source checked if applicable
- Phone charging cables packed
- Portable power banks charged
- Flashlights/headlamps working with backup power available
- Weather/emergency radio packed and tested
- Emergency contact list available offline
- Official weather, transportation and emergency alert sources identified

MEDICAL, SANITATION & DOCUMENTS

- First-aid kit stocked
- Prescription medications packed
- Important medical information and prescription details available
- RV toilet and sanitation supplies packed
- Soap, hand sanitizer, trash bags and cleaning supplies packed
- Identification and vehicle/RV registration packed
- Insurance information packed
- Emergency contacts and pet vaccination records available
- Some emergency cash in small denominations carried

PETS & PASSENGERS

- Leashes, harnesses and carriers packed as appropriate
- Pet medications and records packed
- Pet identification/contact information current
- Weather-appropriate clothing packed for everyone
- Mobility aids, child supplies or other special-needs equipment packed
- Everyone knows the destination and basic evacuation plan

BEFORE PULLING OUT

- Shore power disconnected
- Water connection disconnected
- Awning retracted
- Slides retracted
- Stabilizers/jacks raised as required
- Cabinets, drawers and loose items secured
- Exterior storage compartments closed and locked
- Hitch and towing connections rechecked
- Lights and trailer brakes checked
- Passengers and pets accounted for
- Route and destination confirmed
- Official evacuation instructions checked one final time

BACKUP PLAN

- Portable 72-hour go-bags ready if the RV must be abandoned
- Alternate transportation considered
- Secondary destination identified
- Paper maps accessible
- Household members know when to leave the RV and move to safer shelter

QUICK DEPARTURE NOTES

Primary destination: _____

Alternate destination: _____

Primary route: _____

Alternate route: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Remember: Your RV is an evacuation tool, not the plan itself. Leave early when conditions warrant, follow official evacuation instructions, and maintain a backup plan if the RV becomes unusable.