Leave-Ready Checklist

Choose a realistic route, carry what your household can manage and include the people and pets who need support.



Start with five useful checks.

1. Know your official local evacuation information source.
2. Agree a primary destination and an alternative, with permission.
3. Check transport and carrying ability for each person.
4. Gather essential documents, medicines as professionally planned, water and familiar food.
5. Include pet arrangements and a method to reconnect if separated.

Follow official evacuation instructions. Do not enter floodwater, blocked roads or an unsafe building to retrieve a bag. A checklist cannot determine whether a route is safe now.

Make it your household’s plan.

Keep sensitive details in a secure place. Use this sheet for the decisions you can safely share with the people involved. Do not write passwords, account access codes or private medical records here.

Official evacuation source

Destination and backup destination

Transport and backup transport

Person-specific carry needs

A short practice we can do safely

NEXT MOVE: Choose one unfinished check, agree who will handle it and set a review date. Revisit after a move, a change in care needs or a real disruption.

Official starting source: https://www.ready.gov/evacuation