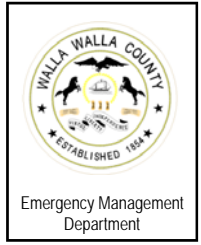


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Web-Based Resources:

Downtown Walla Walla Evacuation FAQ's and City of Walla Walla Downtown Emergency Evacuation Plan:
www.wwemd.info

Create your own Emergency Action/Evacuation Plan: <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/evacuation/experts.html>

Create Shelter-In-Place Plan: <http://www.nicsinfo.org>

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*Downtown
 Walla Walla
 Evacuation
 FAQ's*



As part of the preparations for emergencies in the Downtown Business District, the City of Walla Walla has developed general guidelines for the rapid evacuation of the local area. The plan calls for two basic methods of evacuation; vehicular traffic, and pedestrian traffic (walking).

Listed in this pamphlet are the most frequently asked questions regarding the plan.

What do I need to do now?

As always, being prepared at the time of an emergency involves knowing where you are supposed to go and how to get there. Normal traffic patterns and routes may be altered depending on the type of emergency. You should coordinate with your facility managers and know what the emergency plans are for your building. If you don't have a plan, work with your property manager to develop one (see back page for web-based resources).

You should know which direction you will be heading once you leave your building and/or parking area. You can determine this by looking at the evacuation map. **Notice that the evacuation routes (directional arrows) lead away from the Mill Creek Channel.**

This is because of the potential impact of the channel flooding during severe weather. Do not attempt to go against the flow of traffic. Obey the directions of all police and fire personnel.

You should know in advance where you should walk to if you are required to walk out of the downtown area. You must walk to a designated shelter (see map) for pick-up according to your prearranged plan. You should determine ahead of time where that location is and how you will get home from there.

If you car pool to the downtown area, make plans now on how each will get home. Access into the downtown area may be prohibited.

What do I do at the time of an emergency evacuation?

Above all – REMAIN CALM. Obey all instructions of the police and fire emergency personnel in the area. Remember, the key is that you are removed from the area of danger. It may take longer to get home, but you will be safe.

When will the order to evacuate be given?

An order to evacuate the downtown business district will only be given if there is significant and credible information from reliable sources indicating that there is imminent danger from an attack or disaster.

How will notification be made?

Preparations have been made to make the evacuation order information available through a variety of mediums including the

following:

1. The Emergency Alert System will be activated which provides all media: cable, broadcast television and radio, with the critical information and other pertinent instructions.
2. Telephone notification will be made to those organizations and facilities that have the ability to further notify member organizations and other facilities.
3. Public address systems operated by emergency vehicles.

Each facility must notify their tenants via their pre-established emergency evacuation procedures.

How long will the evacuation take?

A precautionary evacuation should take 60 minutes or less. An emergency evacuation (walking or vehicular) should take 30 minutes or less.

Will we be able to use both sides of the roadway for evacuation?

The emergency plan calls for only the normal (right) side of the roadway to be used for egress. The other side of the roadway needs to be kept clear for responding emergency vehicles. As always, obey all instructions of emergency personnel on the scene. They will be in radio contact with the command center and will adjust traffic flow accordingly. You should remain calm and be patient so the traffic flow can be maintained.

Will Valley Transit be available?

Unless circumstances dictate otherwise, the Valley Transit routes will continue to operate but normal scheduling and routing may be interrupted depending upon the area that is being evacuated, the regular 4th & Main Valley Transit Transfer Center may have to be relocated.

How will I know whether this is a vehicular or pedestrian evacuation?

Unless you are told otherwise, all evacuation orders should be considered vehicular. Those affected should leave by the same mode of transportation in which they traveled to the downtown area. An event or incident in the immediate area which preclude the use of vehicular traffic would indicate a walking evacuation is needed.

Do not abandon your vehicle if traffic is too congested. This will create an unmanageable situation and turn a vehicular evacuation into a pedestrian evacuation without cause. Police & Fire personnel will be in the area and help ease congestion and give instructions.

For your own safety, please follow all directions given by emergency personnel (police, fire and paramedics).