



GUIDE TO EVACUATION LEVELS

A QUICK RESOURCE GUIDE FROM WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Whatever the danger or disaster, Walla Walla County Emergency Management (WWEM) has prepared a comprehensive disaster response plan to deal with emergencies. To help WWEM and local first responders in the event of an emergency, it is important you and your family know what the evacuation level terms mean, and know how to react.

LEVEL 1— READY

Level 1 Evacuation means alert. Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area, monitor emergency services websites and local media outlets for information. This is the time for preparation and precautionary movement of persons with special needs, mobile property and (under certain circumstances) pets and livestock. Evacuations at this time are voluntary.

LEVEL 2— SET

Level 2 Evacuation means be ready. This level indicates there is significant danger to your area, and residents should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area, or if choosing to remain, to be ready at a moment's notice.

LEVEL 3— GO!

Level 3 Evacuation means leave immediately. Danger to your area is current or imminent, and you should leave immediately. Listen to local media, and watch for emergency personnel who may be coming by to give further instructions regarding the evacuation.

During evacuations, Red Cross serving Central and Southeastern Washington will establish shelters at schools, churches, or community buildings in our area in safe zones. You may receive a notification from the Walla Walla County Emergency Notification System, Citizen Alert. During an emergency listen to **KONA RADIO (610 AM/105.3 FM)**, or follow us on Facebook at **www.Facebook.com/WallaWallaEM** for information on evacuations and for the location of a shelter. ***Above all, remain calm.***

Preparing your home in advance for disaster, having a kit, making a plan, and remaining informed means you can make informed and calculated decisions for your family, and know your escape routes in advance.

PRINT AND KEEP A COPY OF THIS GUIDE IN YOUR HOME, CAR, OFFICE, AND WITH YOUR KIT

For more information, visit our website at www.wwemd.info or call 509-524-2900.

Click on the Citizen Alert Logo at our website to sign up for emergency notifications via text message, cellphone, landline, or email.

