

WHAT'S THE PLAN EDDY COUNTY?



DURING SEVERE WEATHER?

Develop a plan for you and your family at home, work, school, and when outdoors. The American Red Cross offers planning tips on their Internet site:
www.redcross.org

Identify a safe place to take shelter. Information on how to build a Safe in your home or school is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.fema.gov.

Have frequent drills. The National Weather Service issues severe weather warnings on a county basis. Keep a highway map nearby to follow storm movement from weather bulletins. Have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm tone and battery back-up to receive warnings.

National Weather Service watches and warnings are also available on the Internet. <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/maf/>

Listen to radio and television for weather information. Check the weather forecast before leaving for extended periods outdoors. Watch for signs of approaching storms. If severe weather threatens, check on people who are elderly, very young, or physically or mentally disabled.



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DURING Evacuation Orders?

Immediate risk:

If you smell gas, smoke or see fire or otherwise fear for your safety, evacuate household occupants immediately. From a safe location, call 9-1-1 and report the incident.

• General

evacuation orders:

If local officials issue evacuation orders, use the evacuation routes and methods specified; car-pool whenever possible. If time allows:

- Wear sturdy shoes, long-sleeve shirts and pants.
- Bring car keys, credit cards, road maps, cell phone, charger and important phone numbers.
- Bring your [Go-bag](#).
- If you have a pet, make sure it is wearing a collar, bring it in a pet carrier labeled with your name and the pet's name. Bring your pet's Go-bag.
- Lock your home and shut off the water and electricity, but leave gas on unless instructed otherwise.
- Leave a note or tell a neighbor where you are going.
- Once you arrive at a safe location, call your out-of-area emergency contact.

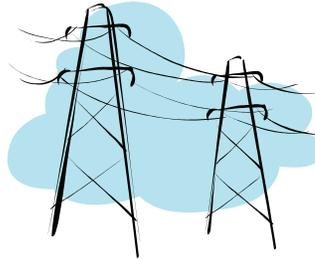
Disaster Shelters

Immediately following a large disaster, suitable shelter sites will be selected from a pre-designated list based on areas of need and estimated numbers of displaced persons. Each site must

be inspected for safety prior to being opened to the public. Therefore, it is not possible to say with advance certainty which sites will actually operate as disaster shelters. As soon as disaster sites have been formally designated, this list will be announced through local media to the public. If it is unsafe to shelter-in-place, and you do not have an alternative, evacuate to a designated emergency shelter.

- Tell your out-of area-contact where you are going.
- Take your Go-bag with you to the shelter.
- Initially, emergency shelters may not be able to provide basic supplies and materials. Consider bringing extra items (e.g. blanket, pillow, air mattress, towel, washcloth, diapers, food and supplies for infants.)

Provide for your [pet](#): only service animals are allowed in "human" shelters. If you cannot make other plans for your pets, Animal Care and Control staff will be available at "human" shelters to help with pet sheltering needs.



DURING Power Outages?

Power cuts can occur due to rolling black-outs, extreme weather conditions, or can accompany other disasters such as earthquakes. If there is no power in your neighborhood:

- Turn off and unplug appliances and computers. Leave one light on to indicate when power has been restored.
- Avoid using candles, as they are fire hazards.
- Do not use a gas stove for heating or operate generators indoors (including the garage.) Both could cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- If a traffic signal is not working, treat it as a stop sign.



DURING Shelter in Place Orders?

One of the instructions you may be given in an emergency is to shelter-in-place.

This means you should stay indoors until authorities tell you it is safe or you are told to evacuate.

- Select a small, interior room, with no or few windows.
 - Close and lock all windows and exterior doors.
 - Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems. Close the fireplace damper.
 - Bring your family [disaster supply kit](#) and make sure the radio is working.
 - Bring your pets.
 - It is ideal to have a hard-wired telephone in the room you select (cellular telephone equipment may be overwhelmed or damaged during an emergency)
 - Use duct tape and plastic sheeting (heavier than food wrap) to seal all cracks around the door and any vents into the room.
 - Listen to your radio or television for further instructions or updates.
- If you are in your car, close windows and turn off vents and air conditioning.

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