

REMEMBER

People are forced to evacuate more often than you may realize. Hundreds of times each year, transportation or industrial accidents release harmful substances into the atmosphere, forcing thousands of people to leave their homes and work sites to go to a safer area.

Fires, floods, chemical releases and natural disasters, such as tornadoes, cause the majority of evacuations. Almost every year people along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts need to evacuate in the face of approaching hurricanes.

As a result, evacuation planning has been in progress for many years. Specific evacuation programs vary by area and by disaster, so contact HENRY Co. Emergency Management Agency at(219-563-3181) for your community's plans.

Planning for Evacuation

1. Use checklists to gather emergency supplies for you and those around you in case of evacuation.
2. Review possible evacuation procedures with your family and those around you so that everyone understands what to do and where to meet if you are separated.
3. Plan now where you would go if you had to evacuate.
4. Keep fuel in your vehicle at all times. During emergencies, filling stations may be closed. Never store extra fuel in the garage.
5. If you do not have a vehicle, make transportation arrangements with friends, neighbors or co-workers.
6. Know how to shut off electricity, gas and water at main switches and valves. Make sure you have the tools you would need to do this.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE ADVANCE PREPARATIONS BOX

- 1 large roll of 2" wide masking tape
- 1 washcloth & towel for each resident
- 1 flashlight with extra batteries
- 1 battery operated radio
- 1 towel for each door
- Water- 1/2 gal per person (minimum)
- First aid kit manual
- Non-perishable food
- Essential medicines and drug prescriptions
- Sturdy shoes for each resident

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**SHELTER-IN-PLACE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

!Please keep this brochure handy!

SHELTER-IN-PLACE RECOMMENDATIONS

SHELTER-IN-PLACE is a proven, effective emergency protective action that is used when there is insufficient time to evacuate in the event of an airborne hazardous material release. In the event of such a release, you may be asked to **SHELTER-IN-PLACE** rather than to evacuate.

IF YOU ARE ASKED TO SHELTER-IN-PLACE

- * **DON'T PANIC-STAY CALM!!**
There will be enough time to protect yourself and your family
- * If you are outside, go indoors immediately.
- * Follow all instructions given by the local emergency officials.
- * Tune a radio to WMDH (102.5 FM) or your local TV stations to monitor emergency broadcasts.
- * **DO NOT** dial 911 unless you have a life threatening emergency.
- * Move to an interior room on the highest level in your house or building.
- * Close ALL windows and doors. Use masking tape to seal cracks around windows and doors for extra protection.
- * Use damp towels to seal cracks under doors.

* Turn off heating and air conditioning units and close fireplace dampers.

* Keep pets indoors. If possible shelter farm animals.

* Cover food and put uncovered food in the refrigerator. Food in sealed containers is safe to eat. City water is safe unless told otherwise.

* **DO NOT** attempt to pick children up from school. They will be cared for in their school in accordance with existing emergency plans.

* If you are in a car, keep windows and air vents closed.

* If you are told to protect your breathing, cover your nose and mouth with a damp hand towel or other cloth. Fold the cloth several times offering several layers of protection.

* Continue to listen to your local radio and television stations for emergency updates and information.

IF YOU ARE ASKED TO EVACUATE

* Calmly follow the instructions of your local emergency officials. Listen to radio & TV

* Take with you any prescription drugs you might need for the next 72 hours.

* Wear warm clothing & sturdy shoes.

* Shut off all stoves, lights and heating appliances when you leave.

IF YOU ARE DISABLED, or would otherwise need assistance during an evacuation:

* First you should make plans with someone in your neighborhood who could assist you, and notify HENRY Co. Emergency Management Agency at (765) 521-9582 in advance.

* if you still need assistance during an emergency evacuation, contact HENRY Co. Dispatch (dial 911).

* Be sure to follow Shelter-In-Place procedures until help arrives.

SHELTER LIVING

Disaster can happen anytime and anyplace. If an incident should force you from your home:

* **FIRST** go to your designated Red Cross shelter or "check-in" location so you can be accounted for. If you have made other arrangements, such as staying with friends or family, advise shelter personnel of this before you leave their registration area.

* Do not bring pets to shelters. The only exceptions are dogs for the visually impaired. Call HENRY Co. Animal Shelter at (765-529-8131) for a list of pet shelters and their cost.

* Be cheerful about the situation and your attitude will help the morale of the entire group. Listen to official information only.

* You may experience a shortage of food and other important items in the early stages of a shelter. Be patient. if this occurs, it will only be temporary.