

Are You Ready to Evacuate?

Your Quick-Start Guide to Evacuation Readiness

Linn County Emergency Management
Linn County Sheriff's Office

When an evacuation order is issued, **you may have minutes — not hours.** This handout covers the four things every household needs: a packed bag, a communication plan, knowledge of your evacuation zone, and a practiced plan.



Go Bag Essentials

- Water** – 1 gallon per person per day (3-day min.)
- Food** – Non-perishable, easy to prepare (3-day supply)
- Medications** – 7-day supply + copies of prescriptions
- Copies of vital documents** – ID, insurance, deed/lease
- Phone charger + backup battery**
- First aid kit**
- Flashlight + extra batteries**
- Cash in small bills**
- Change of clothes** per person
- N95 masks** (wildfire smoke)
- Pet supplies** – food, carrier, records
- Comfort items** – for children, elderly family members



The Two-Minute Drill

Practice this sequence with your household before an emergency. Speed and calm come from repetition.

1. Hear the alert — confirm the source (Wireless Emergency Alert, scanner, neighbor)
2. Grab your pre-packed go bag
3. Load pets into carrier / vehicle
4. Grab medications and any items not already in your bag
5. Text your out-of-area contact: "We are evacuating, heading to [location]."
6. Lock up, leave lights on so responders know the home is empty
7. Take your planned route — do not wait for traffic to clear

★ **Tip: Do a practice run once a year — time yourself!**



Family Communication Plan — Fill This In Tonight

Who	Name	Phone	Notes
Out-of-area contact (outside Linn County)	_____	_____	_____
Household member 2	_____	_____	_____
Household member 3	_____	_____	_____
School / daycare	_____	_____	_____
Our meeting place	_____	_____	_____
Backup meeting place	_____	_____	_____

📌 **Why an out-of-area contact?** Local cell networks often become congested during emergencies. A contact outside the affected area can relay messages between family members when local calls won't go through.

Oregon Evacuation Levels

Oregon uses a 3-level system. Know yours before an event.

Level 1	Be Ready. Be aware and prepared to leave on short notice. Monitor alerts. Check your go bag now.
Level 2	Be Set. Danger is near. Leave now if you need extra time (mobility needs, large animals, long routes).
Level 3	Go Now. Leave immediately. Do not delay to gather belongings or wait for family.
All Clear	Return Authorized. Wait for official notification — do not self-evacuate back before clearance.

Find your zone: www.linnsheriff.org

How to Stay Informed

- Sign up for Linn County Alerts** — linnsheiff.org — text and email notifications for your address
- Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)** — automatic on most cell phones
- NOAA Weather Radio** — battery-powered; works when power is out
- Follow @LinnCountySheriff** — on social media for real-time updates
- Tune to local radio** — KGAL 1580 AM / KRKT 99.9 FM during emergencies
- Download the Ready.gov app** — for checklists and alert information