

Pend Oreille County **OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**



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GUIDE TO EVACUATION LEVELS

A QUICK RESOURCE GUIDE PEND OREILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Whatever the danger or disaster, Pend Oreille County Department of Emergency Management has prepared a comprehensive disaster response plan to deal with it. To help Emergency Management 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.

REMEMBER, the best way to prepare for disaster is: Prepare your Home, Make a Kit, Have a Plan, and Be Informed.

LEVEL 1—A level 1 Evacuation means alert. Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area, and monitor local media outlets for information. Residents with special needs (such as a susceptibility to breathing problems in wildfires or those with animals/pets) should take note and begin making arrangements to evacuate. For wildfires, smoke can often cause the most problems for residents, especially those sensitive to smoke and animals. Evacuations at this time are voluntary.

LEVEL 2—A 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—A 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, the American Red Cross will establish shelters at schools, churches, or community buildings in our area in safe zones. 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 you know your escape routes in advance.

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

BE INFORMED: Sheriff's Office Dispatch 509-447-1980
Emergency Management 509-447-3731

Sign up for Pend Oreille County's Mass Notification System at www.NIXLE.com or text your zip code to 888-777 for up to date emergency notifications.

Citizens First, Public Safety Always!