Evacuation Plan Example

This is an actual plan from a resident in the Bailey area. It has been modified slightly to keep from disclosing personal information.

You will notice that the print is large and easily read even without glasses. Another time saver.

A copy of this plan would be on a thumb drive or on the cloud with their important papers. This is because it has their insurance company claims and other numbers that will be needed later.

This family posted this plan on their refrigerator, a place you see every day and easily found.

A copy is also kept in their go-bag and emergency kit in their car

Make sure the phone number section is fully completed, even for numbers you believe you've memorized. In high-stress situations, adrenaline can interfere with your ability to recall them. Additionally, relying solely on your cell phone to retrieve these numbers might not be as quick or straightforward as you expect.

Assign one family member, preferably someone outside the evacuation zone, to act as the central contact. This individual will serve as the communication hub for your family, providing updates on evacuation progress and the locations of family members. If you become separated during the evacuation, they can help you check in and access vital information. This approach also helps alleviate the strain on overloaded cell towers.

Important Phone Numbers

Partner Cell	(303) 222-5555
Family Member 1	(425) 931-xxxx
Family Member 2	(951) 662-xxxx
Insurance Co Claims	800-555-1212
Roadside Assistance	800-555-1234
Park County Animal Control	(719) 836-4380
Park County Fairgrounds	(719) 836-4289
Jeffco Fairgrounds	(303) 271-6600
Jeffco Animal Evacuation	Animal Evacuations | Jefferson County, CO (jeffco.us) 303-271-5070

Their primary evacuation route is clearly detailed in this document, with additional space provided for alternative routes. By including copies in their go-bag and emergency kit, they ensure quick access to these routes even in unexpected situations. This preparation can be invaluable for navigating around obstacles such as traffic accidents or fires that might block their initial route, even within their own neighborhood.

Evacuation Route

1. Primary: CR43 to Hwy 285
2.

The plan outlines clear steps to follow during a pre-evacuation alert. This helps save valuable time and ensures that no critical tasks are overlooked. However, it emphasizes that these steps should only be taken if time permits.
Deciding which vehicle to use should be settled well before an emergency arises. While it might be tempting to save every car you own, opting for a single vehicle and staying together offers significant advantages. It minimizes distractions and ensures safer driving, as coordinating multiple vehicles is challenging even under normal circumstances. During a wildfire evacuation, defensive driving is crucial, and reducing the number of vehicles on the road helps ease traffic and speeds up the evacuation process.
The decision might ultimately depend on factors like the fuel level in the tank. Expect delays and traffic congestion on evacuation routes, and running out of gas could put you in a dangerous situation—blocking the road and potentially requiring an on-foot evacuation. Being prepared can prevent such risks.

Pre-Evacuation Alert

House Preparation Checklist
Only if time allows and no immediate evacuation order is issued

- Close all windows and doors and leave unlocked
- Remove or close curtains and shades
- Move furniture to center of rooms away from windows
- Turn on and leave on interior and exterior lights
- Turn off furnace and water heater
- Turn off propane to house
- Bring deck cushions inside
- Stow BBQ propane tank and doormat in garage

- Prepare pet carrier (including food and meds)
- Set out go-bags
- Gather prescription meds
- Load small safe and “stuff to take” list items (see list below) in preferred vehicle
- Make sure gas tank(s) are full
- Park preferred vehicle pointing out of driveway

- Tag Horses: contact information attached to tail or mane with red flagging or spray paint phone number on horse

You might receive an evacuation alert without any prior pre-evacuation notification. In such cases, your priority is to evacuate as quickly as possible. There may also be situations where no official alert is issued, but you recognize the need to leave immediately. Preparing for this possibility ahead of time is essential—identify the signs or evidence that would signal it's time to act, so you can make decisive and informed decisions during an emergency.

This section highlights the actions to take, and the items identified during planning as essential to take with them. Keeping this information readily accessible in their plan reduces both time and stress during an evacuation. It also helps ensure nothing important is overlooked. Far too often, people delay their evacuation because they return to retrieve something they forgot, putting themselves at greater risk. Being well-prepared can prevent such dangerous situations.

Evacuation Alert

Large Animals

1. Turn loose in the meadow
2. Turn loose in the pasture

Cat / Dog

1. Load in carrier with small litter box for cat; dog crate or kennel for dog
2. Take food, water, and medication

Stuff to Take

1. If time allows, take small safe with documents. (Documents scanned to Dropbox as backup)
2. iPhone, prepaid phone, iPad, laptop, iMac external hard drive
3. Charging cords
4. Go bags (including pet's)
5. Medications
6. Passports
7. Guns and Ammo in lock box
8. Post Evacuated Sign in first visible door or window

Emergency Supply Kits

1. Clear Plastic Bin(s)
    a. First Aid Kit
    b. N95 Mask for smoke
    c. TP and wipes

d. Bottled water
e. Flashlight and batteries
f. OTC meds (Advil, Allergy, etc.)
g. Documents on thumb drive
h. Printed copy of evacuation plan and contact lists
i. Wool blanket

Notice there are options in this section on where to go. The reunification rendezvous point is important but could also change. Here is where the family member that has been designated as the central contact comes into play. They can relay each family member's progress on their way to the reunification point.

Where to Go

1. Primary: south on 285
    a. If 285 is blocked in that direction, head on 285 north
2. Secondary: Denver to stay with friends /relatives
    a. If 285 northbound is blocked, head for Fairplay.
3. Reunification Rendezvous Point: Grocery Store parking lot in Fairplay or King Soopers parking lot in Aspen Park.

This plan includes a list of information sources along with their website addresses, ensuring the family can stay updated with any online postings. While these websites may already be saved on a phone, having a written copy provides a reliable backup in case of technical difficulties or other unexpected issues.

Information Sources

National Incident Information https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/
PCFPD Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Platte-Canyon-Fire-Protection-District-217608044988988/
Watch Duty - Wildfire Maps & Alerts