

# Evacuation

## If you are asked to Evacuate

- Be certain you are in an area (sector) that is being evacuated. Your sector can be found on the silver label on the side of your Tone Alert Radio.
- Close off sources of outside air to your house such as windows, doors, and vents. Close the damper on your fireplace after putting out the fire, if lit.
- Turn off all stoves and heaters.
- Take your disaster supplies kit and any other items you have gathered.
- Take pets with you. You cannot keep pets with you at Assistance Centers or Red Cross Shelters (except for seeing-eye dogs and hearing dogs), but arrangements have been made with the American Humane Society of Benton-Franklin counties and the American Red Cross to care for your pet.
- Leave food and water for pets you are not able to take with you.
- **Drive carefully and follow the route that has been recommended by emergency management officials.**
- If you need a ride, ask a neighbor.
- Turn your car radio to FM 92.1 (KUMA) for further information / instructions.

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## **Pets & Livestock** -- *What should I do for my pets and livestock?*

- If you take pets with you, you must leave them with a friend or relative outside the evacuated area.
- Red cross shelters cannot care for pets, except for seeing-eye dogs and hearing dogs.
- However, if leaving your pets behind would cause you to stay at home, bring them with you.
- You will be directed where to take your pets at a reception center.
- You may not have time to care for livestock, because you have only a short time to evacuate. While these animals may be in danger, the safety of you and your family is more important.
- You will be told when it is safe to return home to care for your animals.

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## **Reception Centers** -- *What will happen at reception centers?*

- You'll be asked for your name and address, and if you had to leave anyone behind.
- You'll also be asked where you are going, so family members can be told where to contact you.
- If you're staying in a Red Cross shelter and you brought a pet, arrangements will be made for the animal's care.
  - You will receive directions to an American Red Cross shelter.

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## **Red Cross Shelters** -- *What services will be provided at American Red Cross shelters?*

- You will be asked to sign in so that your family and friends can find you. First-aid will be available. Shelter staff will help you locate family members.
- A place to stay overnight will be provided.
- Food and drink will be provided. An effort will be made to meet the special dietary needs of infants, diabetics and others.
- Basic first aid will be provided.
- Social services and organized activities will be provided for children and adults.

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## **Schools** -- *What plans should I make for picking up my children at school?*

- Do not attempt to pick up children from school. Doing so will put you and your children in more danger because you could be exposed to chemical agents while driving. Furthermore, if schools are trying to evacuate, the extra traffic you create could hamper evacuation efforts.
- Schools have plans to evacuate or shelter children safely.
  - If an evacuation is ordered for school children, you will be told on local radio stations where to meet up with them after you have evacuated.

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## **Transportation** -- *What if I need transportation?*

- Make arrangements ahead of time with your family, friends or neighbors.
- In the event of an emergency, call a neighbor for help.
- In Morrow County, you can call (541) 676-5161 for assistance.

Stay indoors while you wait for help. Follow directions for sheltering in place.

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## **Returning** – *How will I know when I can go back home if I have to evacuate?*

- County officials will advise you on local radio and TV stations.