

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE YAVAPAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Your Guide to Emergency Notification and All-Hazard Evacuation

No matter where you live in Yavapai County, staying aware of hazards is important. Learn how you can prepare your family and home before an emergency. Taking action now can help you evacuate quicker before the threat reaches your doorstep.

Emergency Notification System – CODE RED - www.ycsoaz.gov

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office utilizes CodeRED® as its Emergency Notification System (ENS). With this service, we can send messages to residents and businesses within minutes containing specific information when an emergency or time-sensitive issue arises.

Although ENS does contain published landline phone number information by default, the Sheriff's Office may only get landline phone data updates twice a year. This is why it is *vital that you register all your phone numbers directly to assure contact in an emergency.*

By signing up, you also have the ability to enter alternate phone numbers and/or modes of contact. You may also specify your primary contact mode. The opt-in process will require that you have a valid email address. A confirmation email and/or text message will be sent upon completion of registration. This message will be sent from noreply@ycsoaz.gov and may take up to 5 minutes. Once registered, you may opt-out at any time. When delivery of the alert to your primary contact fails, the system will automatically fall back to other methods. If the system detects an answering machine, it will deliver the message to voicemail. If there is no answer, the system will redial the number at a later time or, if specified, fall back to another contact mode.

You can register now at www.ycsoaz.gov and simply click on the Emergency Notification System tab, or call 928-771-3260 if you need assistance. Also consider downloading the smartphone application <http://ecnetwork.com/codered-mobile-alert-app/> once you are registered. This will allow location based alerts even when you're on the road or traveling around the country.

Also, connect with the Sheriff's Office on Social Media for continuing updates during a major incident – Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/YavapaiCountySheriff/>, and Twitter- @YavapaiSheriff. Updates on major incidents will also be posted on the homepage of the Sheriff's Office website.

Typically, alert notifications will be issued in the **Ready, Set, Go** format. *Learn what each term means to better prepare for an evacuation.*

Be READY – “Prepare Now”

Be aware of the hazards that can threaten your area.

- This alert will provide notification of a major incident in your area that MAY require an evacuation at some point.
- Stay aware of the latest news and information from local and social media and public safety officials.
- Make a family communication plan that includes family phone numbers, out-of-town contacts and family meeting locations.
- Assemble an emergency supplies kit (Go Kit). Start with the five P's; People and pet supplies, prescriptions, papers, personal needs and priceless items. (See following page for details).
- Check with your neighbors, family, friends, and elders to ensure they are **ready**.

Get SET – “Be Alert”

There is significant danger in your area.

- Residents should consider voluntarily relocating to a shelter or outside the affected area.
- Grab your emergency supply kit.
- Keep in mind unique needs for your family or special equipment for pets and livestock.
- Stay aware of the latest news and information from public safety officials.
- **This might be the only notice you receive.** Emergency services cannot guarantee they will be able to notify everyone if conditions rapidly deteriorate. **Be SET to GO.**

GO! – “Evacuate”

Danger in your area is current and life threatening. Residents should evacuate immediately to a shelter or to family/friends outside of the affected area. If you choose to ignore this advice, you must understand emergency services may not be able to assist you further.

Follow instructions from emergency personnel, stay on assigned routes and avoid closed areas.

The Five P's of Evacuation:

1. **People and Pets** and other animals/livestock,
2. **Prescriptions** with dosages, medicines, medical equipment, vision and hearing aids, batteries and power cords,
3. **Papers** including important documents (hard copies and/or electronic copies saved on external hard drives or thumb drives), insurance papers, contacts.
4. **Personal Needs** including clothing, water, baby supplies, food, cash first aid kits, phones, and chargers. Items for people with access and/or functional needs, such as older adults and children.
5. **Priceless** items including photos, irreplaceable mementos and other valuables.

FAMILIES SHOULD PLAN TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE DAYS (72 HOURS) AFTER A DISASTER.

Emergency Supplies for Family

- First Aid Kit
- Portable Radio/Batteries
- Flashlight/Batteries
- Water (1 gal. per person, per day)
- Food
- Sanitation/Hygiene Supplies
- Portable Potty/Bucket
- Supply of Plastic Bags
- Toilet Paper
- Blankets
- Tools
- Sturdy Shoes
- Cooking Equipment
- Prescription Glasses
- Clothes
- Can Opener (Non-electric)
- Baby Supplies
- Sealable Plastic Bags
- Fire Extinguisher
- Prescription Medications
- Bottled Water

Know Location of:

- Main Electric Circuit Breaker
- Gas Valve
- Wrench for Gas Valve
- Main Water Valve

Reunion Locations Identified:

- At home
- Away From Home
- Out of Area Contact Identified

Car Survival Kit:

- Food
- Prescription Medications
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight/Batteries
- Blankets
- Pre-moistened Towelettes
- Matches/Candles