



EMERGENCY

HOW TO PLAN
SHOULD A DISASTER
OCCUR IN YOUR CITY

SHELTER-IN-PLACE
& EVACUATION PLANS

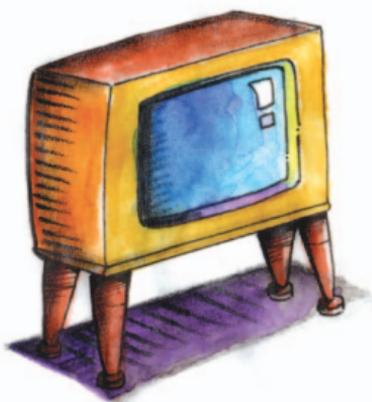
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WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Deciding whether to **stay** or to **leave** home during a disaster may be a hard decision. Trust your local Emergency Management officials to make the right decision. Listen to your local TV and/or radio, or visit www.milwaukee.gov. Whether you are directed to stay (**Shelter-in-Place**) or go (**Evacuation**), it is important to be prepared so that you can make the best decision.

IF DISASTER STRIKES:

- Remain calm
- Don't decide to leave your home or town if you are not told to do so
- Listen to radio, TV and office building announcements for information and instructions
- If told to leave, do so right away



- Follow designated routes because short cuts may not be available
- When you get to a safe area, listen to radio and/or television for updated emergency information



SHELTER-IN-PLACE

Shelter-in-Place means to stay indoors because it is safer than leaving your current location (home, school or work).

WHEN SHOULD I USE SHELTER-IN PLACE?

- When there is little time to react to a situation too dangerous to be outside.
- When life-threatening agents are in the air.

HOW DO I SHELTER-IN-PLACE?

- Bring your children and pets indoors right away.
- Select a small, interior room with the fewest windows (such as a bathroom) and stay there.

Cover all doors, windows and vents with 10 mil./0.01" thick plastic sheeting.

Cut the plastic sheeting several inches wider than the openings and label each sheet.



Duct tape plastic at corners first, then tape down all edges.

- Close and lock all windows and outside doors.
- Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems. This may make your home uncomfortable, but it will reduce the chance of exposure to chemical or biological agents outside which can cause illness and even death.
- If you have a fireplace, close it.



- Use your **E-Supply Kit**, which includes plastic sheeting that is thicker and heavier than plastic wrap (minimum 10 mil/ 0.01 inches) and duct tape to cover and seal windows, cracks, vents and doors. For more information on E-Supply Kits, please refer to the MHD's "**EMERGENCY-GO BAG AND SUPPLY KIT**" brochure.
- Keep listening to your radio until EM tells you that it is safe to leave or evacuate.



EVACUATION PLAN

Don't wait for a disaster—
make plans now!

PICK AT LEAST TWO SAFE PLACES FOR YOUR FAMILY TO MEET

- Keep updated contact information of your safe places in your wallet/purse (e.g. address, phone number, directions).
- If you picked a safe place in your neighborhood, pick another safe place on the opposite side of the city or out of town.
- If one of your safe places is a hotel/motel, call before going to make sure rooms are available.
- Know evacuation plans – for work, school and child care centers – for all members of your household.

KNOW EVACUATION ROUTES. PLAN TO USE STREETS THAT ARE SAFE ACCORDING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (EM)

- If you have a car, your gas tank should be at least half full at all times because gas may not be available.
- If you do not have a car, make transportation plans to evacuate – ask a neighbor or friend.

EMERGENCY-GO BAG

Plan to bring your Emergency-Go Bag (E-go Bag), but if it is contaminated you may have to leave it behind. For more information on E-Go Bags, refer to the City of Milwaukee Health Department's (MHD) "**EMERGENCY GO BAG AND SUPPLY KIT**" brochure.

IF YOU HAVE PETS, DON'T LEAVE THEM BEHIND!

Many public shelters do not allow pets (other than service animals) so plan for pet sheltering. For more information on caring for pets in disasters, please refer to the City of Milwaukee Health Department's "Disaster Preparedness-Protect Your Pets" poster located online at:

www.milwaukee.gov/readypet

PLAN TO LEAVE A NOTE

Plan to leave a note to tell people when you left and where you are going.

TURN OFF UTILITIES

Turn off utilities if Emergency Management instructs you to do so, and lock your home.



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