

EVACUATION PLAN WORKSHEET

A fill-in evacuation plan: destinations, a main and alternate route to each, meeting place, fuel, what to bring, and the rule to follow official orders.

■ WARNING

Shelter first. Evacuate only when officials call it, and use the route they give. If their route differs from yours, theirs wins. [1][3]

DESTINATIONS [1][3][4]

Pick two or three places you can stay for days, in different directions from home. Check each one is not next to another listed target site. When you have a choice, avoid places directly east of a listed site (prevailing wind runs west to east).

DESTINATION AND HOST	DIRECTION FROM HOME	PHONE	HOST AGREED?

ROUTES [1][3]

Main route skirts listed metro areas and bases. The alternate does not share the same bridge, tunnel, or highway.

DESTINATION	MAIN ROUTE	ALTERNATE	DISTANCE

MEETING PLACE

IF WE CANNOT GET HOME, WE MEET AT	ADDRESS

FUEL [1]

- Keep the tank at least half full at all times. Fill it if evacuation seems likely.
- Check each route is within range of a half tank. Stations may be closed or have long lines.

Half-tank range of our car: _____ miles

WHAT TO BRING [1][2]

BEFORE YOU GO

- ☐ Go bag for each person

- ☐ Emergency kit in the car
- ☐ Spare change of clothes for each person
- ☐ Trash bag for contaminated clothing
- ☐ Battery or hand-crank radio
- ☐ Printed maps of each route
- ☐ Copy of this sheet in the car and each go bag

ON THE DAY [1][2][3]

- Wait for the call. Listen for routes, shelters, and procedures.
- Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts; they may be blocked.
- Officials may direct lateral evacuation: travel at right angles to the fallout path.
- Keep a battery radio on.
- Do not return until local authorities say it is safe.

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911. INSTRUCTIONS FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS COME FIRST.

Sources: [1] Ready.gov, Evacuation (ready.gov). [2] Ready.gov, Nuclear Explosion (ready.gov). [3] FEMA, Planning Guidance for Response to a Nuclear Detonation, Third Edition (2022) (fema.gov). [4] NOAA, The Jet Stream (noaa.gov). **Reviewed** October 30, 2026.