

## Sparking Anvil – 10 Minute Evacuation Checklist

Dear Friend,

Depending upon your situation, you may want to add items to this “10-Minute Evacuation Checklist” to make it uniquely your own.

For example, if you live on a farm, you will need to create an evacuation plan for your livestock.

If you have an elderly person living with you or you have a person with special needs you will probably have additional things to take care of before you evacuate your home. For instance, you may need to pack extra oxygen tanks or batteries or a motorized wheelchair.

The only way for this plan to work, is to practice it and be prepared.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

*Joe & Cindy Harris*

**10 Minute Evacuation Checklist:**

	Survival Journal. Contains this check list and your disaster plan.
	Make sure each person is dressed in long pants, long-sleeved shirt, laced up shoes or pull on boots and a cap/hat.
	Turn off water to house. Make sure all household members know where water turn off is located. Label valve for easy identification. <b>If you are evacuating because of a wildfire, leave the water on and set up outside lawn sprinklers on the roof and near above-ground fuel tanks.</b>
	Unplug as many electrical items as possible. Leave refrigerators and freezers plugged in, unless there is a risk of flooding. Shut off all individual circuits in your electricity circuit box. Then shut off the main circuit breaker.
	Shut off Natural Gas/Propane tanks using the outside main valve. If you turn off the gas for any reason, a qualified professional must turn it back on. <b>NEVER attempt to turn the gas back on yourself.</b>
	Blow out candles
	Close and lock windows.
	Open drapes.
	Open damper on fireplace and close the fireplace screen.
	Purse, wallet, keys, phone, phone charger.
	Prescription Medications, for family members and pets.
	Contact Lenses for daily wearers and contact lens solution.
	Eye glasses. Eye glass repair kit.
	Survival container for each family member. Be mindful of how much children can carry and if they are responsible for their own gear, especially if evacuating on foot.
	Pet. Gather leashes and pet carriers. Some large pets/dogs can carry their own water and food. If you are expecting your dog to carry their own water and food if evacuating on foot, make sure you practice this procedure so the animal gets used to it and you know how much the animal can safely carry.
	Pet Survival Containers.
	Close all doors inside the house and close and lock outside doors to prevent draft in case of a wildfire.
	Turn off all lights.
	Disconnect any automatic garage door openers so that doors can still be opened by hand if the power goes out.
	Take one vehicle per family to reduce congestion and delay. If you don't drive, make transportation arrangements with friends or your local Government.
	Close all garage doors.
	Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather.
	Follow recommended evacuation routes. Other routes may be blocked
	Do not drive into flooded areas. "Turn Around, Don't Drown."
	Stay away from downed power lines.
	Let others know where you are going. Make prearrangements with family members and/or friends outside your area.