



## GUIDE TO EMERGENCY EVACUATION LEVELS

### A Quick Response Guide from Benton County Emergency Management

*Whatever the danger or disaster, it is important that you and your family know what the emergency evacuation levels mean, and how to react.*

#### **Level 1: READY**

*Level 1 evacuations are an Alert. There is no immediate danger to your home, family or business, but the fire or other danger may be moving toward you.* Now is the time to “Get Ready”. Refine your evacuation plans, and gather the things you will need if you must evacuate. Residents with special needs, or those with pets or livestock, should take note and make preparations for relocating family member pets and livestock.

#### **Level 2: SET**

*Level 2 evacuations indicate there is a significant risk to your area. The fire or other danger is moving closer to you.* An evacuation order may be issued at any time.; now is the time to prepare for immediate evacuation. Residents should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or designated area or with family/friends outside the area, or be ready to leave at a moment’s notice.

#### **Level 3: GO!**

*Level 3 means you are in immediate danger. Load your family and pets into your vehicle and GO NOW! There will be no further warnings!*

During evacuations the American Red Cross will establish shelters at schools, churches or community buildings. Listen to the radio or watch local news stations for information on the location of the shelter.

Once you have left the evacuated area, you will not be allowed to re-enter until the danger has passed.

Preparing your family in advance for an emergency is important; make an action plan, prepare a “Go Kit”, communicate the plan with your family. For more info on emergency preparedness go to <https://GoKit>