You have been told to evacuate

If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

1. **Follow local officials' instructions.** Your route may be on foot.[1]
2. **Grab your go-bag**, medicines, phone, and chargers.[1]
3. **Close and lock doors and windows.**[1]
4. **Unplug small electronics.** Leave the fridge and freezer plugged in unless there is a flood risk.[1]
5. **Tell someone where you are going** and leave a note saying when you left.[1]
6. **Take your pets.** Service animals are accepted at all shelters, but many shelters and hotels don't allow pets, so know a pet-friendly place.[2]
7. **Stay on the recommended routes** and away from downed power lines.[1]

Don't: take shortcuts. They may be blocked.[1] Don't drive through flood water.[3]

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Sources

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