

Basic Emergency Evacuation Procedures

Why Evacuate?

An evacuation of Grand Canyon National Park may be necessary due to a wildland fire, a hazardous materials incident, natural disaster, or a hostage or terrorism incident.

Evacuation Notification

The signal for all residents to evacuate will be a continuous sounding of the **fire siren for five minutes or longer**. This signal may be repeated. The prolonged siren activation may be used in conjunction with broadcast radio announcements, through the Emergency Alert System (EAS). EAS announcements can be heard on several local radio stations including

- **KAFF** 930 AM and 92.9 FM
- **KNAU** 90.3 FM (GRAND CANYON) & 88.7 FM (FLAGSTAFF)



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS
COCONINO.AZ.GOV/READY

Emergency Notifications provide alerts for emergencies in your area.

Sign up your phone number, email and/or your home phone.

- ▶ **Smart911 – EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMN (ENS)** is an emergency notification system operated by Coconino County. The system uses E-911 databases and GIS information to broadcast emergency notifications by telephone. Due to limitations in local phone databases, Grand Canyon residents are strongly encouraged to self-register their home phone and cell phone through <http://coconino.az.gov/ready>. Or via the QR Code above.
- ▶ Other notification might include emergency vehicle public address systems or door-to-door contact.
- ▶ **INCIDENT INFORMATION CENTER-** During a large-scale emergency, the Park's **Incident Information Center** will be activated. Please contact the **Incident Information Center** recorded information line at (928) 638-7688.

Partial Area Evacuations

Local emergency conditions may require the immediate need for a **Partial or Neighborhood Evacuation**. Park emergency personnel will contact residents directly. Please follow their instructions.

Evacuation Routes

In the event of an evacuation, all evacuation routes will be marked with signs and/or personnel assigned to direct traffic. It is critical that you follow the designated evacuation routes and any instructions provided by emergency or law enforcement personnel.

Evacuation Collection Centers

South Rim Evacuation Collection Centers will be established in **Williams and/or Flagstaff** by the American Red Cross in conjunction with Coconino County Emergency Services. These Centers will be used for registration, information, and assistance. Locations are not pre-established; they will be announced during the evacuation process.

Inner Canyon Collection Centers include Havasupai Gardens and Phantom Ranch.

North Rim Collection Center may include the Fredonia School or another site established by the American Red Cross.

Registration and Accountability

You are not required to stay at an Evacuation Collection Center. However, it is imperative that you register there so your location is available to local officials and relative. ***Every family should establish, and practice evacuation plans for times when members may be separated. A relative or friend should be established as an emergency contact where all family members would call to exchange information and reconnect.***

NPS employees must call **1-800-901-3880** to register within 24 hours of being evacuated. All others should contact their respective employers.

SAFETY ZONES – *a Safety Zone is a large open area to use if you cannot safely evacuate the Park*

During an evacuation, where leaving the Park is not possible, remaining evacuees would be directed to these Safety Zones:

- **SOUTH RIM** Grand Canyon Visitor Center Parking Area (Grand Canyon School Soccer/Track and Ball Field?)
- **DESERT VIEW** Watchtower Parking Area
- **NORTH RIM** Demotte & Little Park areas, Cape Royal Parking Area, W-1 Road (The Basin), North Kaibab Trail below the Supai Tunnel
- **INNER CANYON** Havasupai Gardens and Phantom Ranch (assuming no threat to the Inner Canyon area)

Disabled and Special Needs Residents

Individuals who need aid in the event of an evacuation are encouraged to plan ahead with neighbors, friends, and relatives. **Be sure to register with the Coconino County Emergency Notifications System**

If help is not readily available at the time of an evacuation order, call 911 for assistance.

Evacuation of Pets

Planning for care of pets should be included with a family's evacuation plans. You may not be home when the evacuation order comes. It is strongly encouraged that pet owners arrange in advance for a trusted friend or neighbor to move your pets out and meet at the designated Evacuation Collection Center. Be sure to take the necessary supplies to care for your pet for an extended period of time while at the Evacuation Collection Center. Pets will need to be kept under physical control at all times.

Returning Home

Once you have evacuated, you may not return home until authorized to do so by the local officials. Current incident information may be available through the local AM and FM radio stations, NOAA Weather Radio, the officials at the Evacuation Collection Centers, through www.azein.gov, the **Incident Information Center** by calling (928) 638-7688 or **1-800-901-3880** for a recorded message.

Essentials: Take for Immediate Evacuation

- ✓ Medications, Dentures, and Prescription glasses
- ✓ Important Papers (if immediately available)
- ✓ Driver's License & other identification.
- ✓ Baby food, diapers, formula
- ✓ Checkbook, Credit Cards, Cash
- ✓ Pets & pet food
- ✓ Personal toiletries and sanitary needs
- ✓ Sleeping bags or blankets

Actions To Take for Immediate Evacuation

- ✓ Disconnect all appliances (*except refrigerator/freezer*)
- ✓ Close and lock all doors and windows
- ✓ Leave exterior and porch lights on
- ✓ **Tie a white or light-colored pillowcase/towel or similar item to the front door handle to indicate the residence has been evacuated**

Additional items to take if time permits

- ✓ Copies of insurance policies and contact numbers
- ✓ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ✓ Portable battery powered radio.
- ✓ Change of clothing for each person
- ✓ Food & Water (nonperishable/ready to eat)
- ✓ Irreplaceable items and personal mementos
- ✓ Valuables
- ✓ Cellphone, charger, and cords.

Additional actions to take if time permits

- ✓ Secure outdoor possessions & equipment
- ✓ Secure or hide valuables
- ✓ Turn off the gas before leaving
 - Know how to do this before hand
- ✓ Notify insurance company of your evacuation