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# **GUIDE TO EVACUATION LEVELS**

## **A QUICK RESOURCE GUIDE**

Emergency responders in the City of Pullman and Whitman County have worked together to develop a comprehensive disaster response plan to deal with emergencies and disasters of all kinds. When an emergency develops, responders may begin notifying residents by issuing **Evacuation Levels**.

It is important that you and your family understand what the evacuation level terms mean and how to react to them. During an emergency, listen to local media for information that will help you to locate a shelter. Above all, **remain calm**. Knowing your escape routes in advance will assist you in being able to move quickly.

**LEVEL 1 means BE ALERT** Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area and monitor local media outlets for information. Residents with special considerations, such as health or mobility issues, or those with animals/pets, should take note and begin making arrangements to evacuate.

**LEVEL 2 means BE READY** This level indicates significant danger to your area. Residents should either voluntarily relocate outside of the affected area, or to a shelter location announced through local law enforcement and public media. If choosing to remain, be prepared to leave at a moment's notice.

### **THIS MAY BE THE ONLY EVACUATION NOTICE YOU RECEIVE!**

**LEVEL 3 means LEAVE IMMEDIATELY** Danger to your area is current or imminent and you should leave immediately. Listen to local media and watch for emergency personnel who may be coming by to give further instructions regarding the evacuation.

The best way to respond to disasters is by preparing ahead of time:

- **Protect Yourself & Your Family** [www.ready.gov/emergency-planning-checklists](http://www.ready.gov/emergency-planning-checklists)
- **Make a Plan** [www.ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan)
- **Build a Kit** [www.ready.gov/build-a-kit](http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit)
- **Be Informed** To receive emergency information, sign up for the Whitman County and City of Pullman Emergency Alert System: <http://bit.ly/1pq9B1V>

**PRINT AND KEEP A COPY OF THIS FLYER IN YOUR HOME, CAR, OFFICE,  
AND WITH YOUR EMERGENCY KIT.**