

EVACUATION ROUTES

Evacuation routes may be necessary in expediting the flow and even distribution of traffic out of the affected area. Depending on the incident site, environmental conditions, and predicted plume, evacuation routes can be developed by the county emergency planners as the situation warrants.

Douglas County is divided into two distinct areas: the Eastern Sierra Mountains and lake near Stateline at Lake Tahoe, and the valley known primarily as the Carson Valley.

Residents in the Carson Valley (Minden, Genoa, Gardnerville) will evacuate via U.S. 395 to the north, U.S. 395 or State Route 88 to the south, or State Route 207 to the west.

Residents in the Lake Tahoe Area (Stateline, Zephyr Cove, Glenbrook) will evacuate via U.S. 50 to the west or north, or State Route 207 to the east.

POTENTIAL SHELTER LOCATIONS

Shelters Will Be Designated Per Incident

GARDNERVILLE

CC Meneley Elementary 1446 Muir Drive Gardnerville/Ranchos	Pau-Wa-Lu School 701 Long Valley Road Gardnerville/Ranchos
Scarselli Elementary 699 Long Valley Road Gardnerville/Ranchos	Gardnerville Elementary 111 Toler Lane Gardnerville
Carson Valley Middle School 1475 Hwy 395 South Gardnerville	Fairgrounds Pinenut Road Gardnerville
Lampe Park Gardnerville	Ranchos Aspen Park

JACKS VALLEY

Jacks Valley Elementary 701 Jacks Valley Road
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MINDEN

Western Nevada Community College 1680 S. Bently Parkway	Pinon Hills Elementary 1479 Stephanie Way
Minden Elementary 1170 Baler	Douglas High School Hwy 88

If an evacuation is needed in your community, you might hear about it during a routine radio or television news broadcast, or through the Emergency Alert System (EAS) which broadcasts critical information on local radio and television stations and local cable providers as well as on NOAA Weather Radios. Where available, officials might use telephone notification systems such as Reverse 911 or community sirens. Sometimes officials will go door-to-door, in which case they will have proper identification so that you will know the evacuation order is accurate.

The evacuation order message will be brief and include basic instructions on what to do, and possibly some information about the threat. There may not be enough time for a lot of details so it is important to follow the instructions as quickly as possible and then look for more information from local radio or television stations over battery powered receivers or car radios.

When an evacuation involves a school, school officials will work with the local media to inform parents about when and where to pick up their children. If available, school officials will also use a telephone notification system to inform parents about the evacuation.

When the emergency that led to evacuation order is over, officials will provide information to the local media and to the agencies operating local shelters about the conditions for returning to the area. You may be able to return home without any restrictions but in some cases, there may be damage to roads or other travel problems. Utility services such as electricity or telephone may not be available. In some cases, officials may determine that the damage is so extensive that you can't stay in the area for any length of time. You may have a chance to determine the condition of their property and possibly search for and retrieve belongings. No matter what the situation is, the official instructions for returning to the area are developed to keep you safe.

The EAS Local Primary stations in Nevada are the "entry points" for warning messages about local or regional emergencies. These stations will be the first to broadcast these warnings. All other radio and television stations and cable operators in Nevada participate in the Emergency Alert System although they may not carry all local or regional warnings. You should contact your favorite radio or television station or cable provider and ask them about their level of participation in the Emergency Alert System.

The National Weather Service also carries EAS messages on their NOAA Weather Radio stations in Nevada. If you are considering a weather radio, be sure it has the "Public Alert" function. That means it has a setting that will sound an alarm if an EAS activation has been issued, even if it is turned off. NOAA Weather Radio can be heard in Nevada on 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz and 162.550 MHz.

The EAS Local Primary Stations

In an emergency tune to: KKOH 780 AM
 KUNR 88.9 FM