

GUIDE TO EVACUATION LEVELS

A QUICK RESOURCE GUIDE



Emergency responders in Central Pierce Fire & Rescue's jurisdiction 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 you and your family understand what the evacuation level terms mean and know how to react:

During an emergency listen to local media for information on the location of a shelter. Above all, **remain calm**. Know your escape routes in advance and you will be 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 there is significant danger to your area and residents should either voluntarily relocate to family or friends 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:

- **Be Informed** To receive emergency information, sign up for the emergency notification system in your area at www.piercecountywa.org/ALERT
- **Prepare Your Home** To learn how to prepare your home go to www.piercecountywa.org/PREPARE
- **Make a Plan** To find out how to make a plan go to www.piercecountywa.org/PREPARE
- **Build a Kit** For instructions on building a kit go to www.piercecountywa.org/PREPARE

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