

EVACUATION INFORMATION

(Post this on your refrigerator or keep in a safe place.)

The following information is for Hovland Area residents and visitors and is provided by the Hovland Area Fire Department and the Cook County Sheriff. For more information visit hovlandvfd.com.

When you evacuate your property/camping area, please follow these steps:

- Remain CALM.
- Leave the power and outside lights ON; turn OFF propane to the house/cabin AT THE TANK.
- Attach a written note to the door, protected from rain and wind, stating WHO evacuated your property, the DATE and TIME. State the names of any that were unaccounted for at the time you evacuated, a PHONE NUMBER where everyone can be contacted and the name and phone number of an EMERGENCY CONTACT should you not be reachable at that location.
- Leave your house/cabin LOCKED, but leave all gates UNLOCKED.
- Tie a white cloth/towel/sheet on your blue street address sign to signify that you are gone. (When there is more than one sign on a post, tie the cloth only around your sign number.)
- DRIVE CAREFULLY with your headlights on. The Sheriff will provide security and egress.

Consider taking the following items with you:

- A change of clothing and personal care items for everyone, including food/water, sleeping bags and pillows, towels, etc.
- Prescription medications in ORIGINAL BOTTLES.
- Pets in carriers, food, water, records and medications.
- Eyeglasses, contacts and solution/equipment.
- Special equipment/medical supplies for infants, elderly or people with special needs, such as oxygen, nebulizers, wheelchair, cane, diapers, formula, etc.
- Important documents (living wills, birth certificates, social security cards, other forms of identification, account numbers, Property Inventory for insurance (if not stored elsewhere), personal financial records, etc.
- Money, checkbooks, credit cards, etc.
- List of important telephone numbers (friends, neighbors, relatives, insurance, bank, etc.).
- Valuables – jewelry, photos, special items.
- Communications/information equipment: cell phone, transistor radio, satellite phone, etc.

If you are making an EMERGENCY EVACUATION at the request of the Sheriff, proceed to the designated Evacuation Command Post and check in.

If you choose to VOLUNTARILY EVACUATE prior to an official evacuation, please follow these steps:

1. Call (218) 387-3637 and follow the automated instructions.
2. You will be asked to give the names of all people going with you, where you are coming from and where you are going (please write this information down before calling so nothing is missed). This information will be recorded by the Cook County Public Health and Human Services Staff to help track evacuees and answer calls from others interested in your safety and whereabouts.