

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

For airborne chemical or biological releases where evacuation is not possible, the safest immediate action may be to shelter-in-place while listening for further instructions. This action may reduce the chance of exposure.

If there is an emergency that may be a risk to the public, Emergency Management Officials will notify you by radio, TV or via your local warning system (siren, phone tree, door-to-door, etc). In Latah County, emergency officials are trained to activate the Emergency Alert System (EAS). EAS broadcasts an alert over radio and television stations in the area.

INSTRUCTIONS

Upon receipt of warning, go inside the nearest structure such as a home, school, store or public building. Bring pets inside if practical. If vapors are already in the air, a damp cloth may provide minimal breathing protection. If indoors already, stay there. Turn a radio or TV on for emergency information. If you are in a vehicle, close all windows, manual vents and ventilations systems. Turn the radio on for emergency information.

Once you're inside a structure:

Shut all windows, doors, chimneys and fireplace vents – this includes everything that can be closed quickly and easily to prevent the chemical from entering.

Turn off all forced-air heating or cooling systems. Turn off ignition sources, kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans. Leave light switches as they are due to possible sparking hazard.

Go into a room at or above ground level, preferably with no windows or outside air vents. The basement is not safe because some gases are heavier than air and may collect there.

Take your cell phone, disaster supplies kit and shelter-in-place kit in the room with you. Bring in extra water that has not been contaminated.

Avoid eating or drinking food or water that may be contaminated.

If possible seal the door, windows, vents, etc with plastic sheeting and tape or with wet towels or rags. Put wet towels or rags under the door to help seal out vapors

Do not burn candles or use gas, propane or kerosene appliances. Vapors may be flammable and the flame will reduce the oxygen in the room and the fumes can't vent from the sealed room. If the power is out, use battery-powered lights to keep from creating a sparking hazard.

Continue listening to a local emergency alert station on the radio or TV. You may be given instructions to evacuate. You will be notified when the emergency is over.



PRE-PLANNING FOR SHELTER-IN-PLACE

It is important that you have a plan for your home or business for sheltering in place. Some key steps in this plan are:

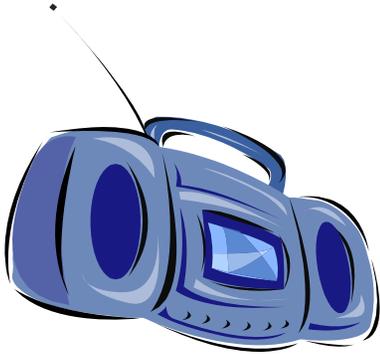
Know what doors and windows are likely to be open and assign someone to check and close them.

Know where the manual vents are and how to close them

Know where forced air heating and cooling controls and power exhaust vents are and how to turn them off.

Know what room you will go into and how to seal it. Have a KIT prepared that includes things like plastic sheeting, duct tape, scissors, towels/rags, etc.

Have a radio (preferably two: one electric and one battery powered) in the room you've identified. Know the emergency alert system stations for your area and tape the station numbers onto the side of the radio. Try the radio to determine which of the stations you can pick up on that radio in that room.



For Latah County the emergency alert radio stations are:

KRLC 1350 AM KRPL 1400 AM
KWSU 1250 AM KZFN 106.1 FM
KZZL 99.5 FM*

*has emergency power

Television stations may not carry EAS broadcasts. Satellite receivers and cable boxes should be tuned to local broadcast stations.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE KIT

You should gather the following items together in a box to have ready for an emergency:

- Plastic sheeting for windows or doors and vents. Make sure you have enough to seal the room you plan to go into.
- Duct tape and scissors. Masking tape or other types of tape may also work.
- Towels/rags for under doors
- Drinking water in jugs
- Battery-operated radio with the emergency station numbers taped on the side. Fresh

spare batteries for the radio. An electric radio is also useful when power is available.

- A working flashlight with fresh batteries.
- Ready-to-eat food.

DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT

For more information on setting up a disaster supplies kit see the FEMA page at www.fema.gov/pte/supplies.htm

You should have a disaster supplies kit set up for each member of the family. A disaster supplies kit should be in an easy to carry container. A disaster supplies kit should be able to meet your needs for three days or more and at a minimum should contain:

- Water in jugs
- Ready-to-eat food
- First-aid Kit
- Medications you use
- Radio, flashlight and batteries
- Sanitation supplies
- Bedding and a change of clothing
- Copies of important documents



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SHELTER IN PLACE

Emergency Guidance From Your Latah County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

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