## **EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS**

Wildfires can start and spread with no warning, which makes it critical that you have a response plan in place. In preparation for the most severe emergencies, the City of Helena has designated evacuation routes to help first responders manage traffic while getting your household out of harm's way. We encourage all residents to Make Your Plan, Practice Your Response, and Protect Your Household.

### **KNOW YOUR EVACUATION ROUTES**

When evacuations are requested or ordered, it is important that you respond quickly and responsibly. While evacuating, you need to understand where the threat is located and what evacuation route is most appropriate. Also remember, first responders may be utilizing evacuation routes. Always make room for fire engines, ambulances and law enforcement vehicles while safely leaving the area.

### **TEMPORARY REFUGE AREAS**

If evacuation routes are obstructed by smoke, incoming emergency equipment, or directly threatened by fire, you should utilize a temporary refuge area. Examples include, behind a retaining wall, large lawn, or parking area.

### **SIGN UP FOR SMART 911**

Safety officials from the City of Helena and Lewis and Clark County use the Smart 911 notification system to communicate during emergencies. The Smart911 alert system can provide cell phone, home phone, and email notifications. Visit www.smart911.com to create your FREE notification profile today.

### **EMERGENCY PLANNING CHECKLIST**

- 1. Create an emergency kit: including food, clothing, medicine, and animal supplies.
- 2. Learn your evacuation routes and practice an evacuation with your household (including animals).
- 3. Review your emergency plan annually to ensure its up to date.

# Important Contacts:

Life Threatening Emergencies: Call 911

**Non-Emergency Contacts:** 

Helena Police Department (406) 447-8479

Lewis-Clark County Sheriff's Office (406) 447-8235

Animal Control (406) 447-8479

American Red Cross (800) 733-2767

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