

GARLAND COUNTY ECLIPSE FAMILY PREPAREDNESS



As the April 8, 2024, Solar Eclipse rapidly approaches, we would like to share this Family Preparedness Plan for residents in Garland County, Arkansas. We will be sharing other eclipse related information put out by our state office as it becomes available on our Facebook page: @GarlandCountyExtension-UADA

1. STAY INFORMED

- Follow official sources for updates on the eclipse, such as the Garland County Office of Emergency Management and local news and radio channels.
<https://www.garlandcounty.org>
- Sources to follow on social media to stay up to date on local news during the event:
 - Garland County Severe Weather - Facebook
 - Garland County Department of Emergency Management
 - Hot Springs Police Department
 - Hot Springs National Park
- Know how to get in touch with Rural Fire Departments in your area of the county.

2. PLAN FOR TRAVEL AND TRAFFIC

- Treat this event like an ice storm. If you do have to travel, plan your travel in advance. Consider the expected influx of visitors to the area.
- Consider alternate or non-conventional routes not found on google or apple maps.
- Be aware of potential traffic congestion and allow time for your journey.
- Follow designated routes and instructions from law enforcement.

3. KNOW YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACTS

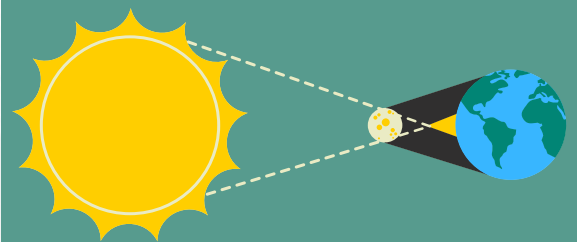
- Save important phone numbers, including local emergency services, on your phones.
- Keep a physical copy of your emergency contacts in case of power outages or phone failures.

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TIMES FOR HOT SPRINGS

- Total time for eclipse
 - 3 minutes 39 seconds
- Beginning of Partial Phase
 - 12:32 p.m.
- Beginning of Totality
 - 1:49:28 PM
- End of Totality
 - 1:53:07 PM
- End of Partial Phase
 - 3:10 p.m.

FOR MORE LOCATION TIMES:
WWW.AR-ECLIPSE.INFO



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4. SUPPLIES

- Stock up (for at least a week) on essential supplies like food, water, batteries, toilet paper, and cash.
- Purchase extra items from now until April to cut down on last minute unexpected expenses.
- Consider having prescriptions refilled early if possible - call your pharmacy now to discuss this.
- Supply shortages will not end directly after the event but will likely last for days following.
- Consider any specific needs of family members, such as infants, elderly, or individuals with medical conditions, especially those that are diabetic or require oxygen.
- If you have an infant on formula, make sure to have extra on hand for during and after the eclipse.
- Have a first aid kit, flashlight, and portable phone charger on hand.
- Have enough gas for at least a week after the event just in case supplies are stretched.

5. HAVE A COMMUNICATION PLAN

- Establish a communication plan with your family and decide on a meeting point in case you get separated.
- Keep cell phones fully charged and have a backup power source.
- Landlines will possibly be the best option during the event due to the amount of people and lack of coverage.
- Share contact information with trusted neighbors and friends.

6. BE WEATHER AWARE

- Stay updated on the weather forecast leading up to the eclipse.
- Prepare for potential weather changes by having appropriate clothing and supplies.
- Have a weather radio on hand.
- Be sure to have sunscreen for before and after the eclipse.

7. PREPARE FOR PROPER EYE SAFETY

- Never look directly at the sun during the eclipse without certified solar viewing glasses.
- Purchase ISO 12312-2 compliant solar eclipse glasses from reputable vendors.
- Teach children about the importance of eye safety and wearing protection during the event.
- Regular sunglasses will not protect your eyes.



8. TAKE CARE OF PETS

- Make sure your pets have identification tags and are kept in a safe, secure area during the eclipse.
- Stock up on pet food, water, and any necessary medications.

9. PREPARE FOR VISITORS

- If you do not want visitors on your property, make sure your property is properly marked and visible for individuals to see.
- Use purple paint and use signs placed not more than 100 feet apart and at each road entrance.
- The signs shall bear the words "POSTED" and/or "NO TRESPASSING" in letters at least 4 inches high. The signs shall be readily visible to any person approaching the property.
- Visit our website for tips on how to host people on your property during the eclipse.

Remember, this preparedness plan is a general guideline.

Adapt it to your family's specific needs and circumstances.

For more information, contact Alison Crane, FCS Agent acrane@uada.edu

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