

Home Emergency Kit Checklist

Keep items in airtight plastic bags, and put your entire disaster-supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers, such as an unused trashcan, camping backpack or duffel bag. Re-think your needs every year, and update your kit as your family needs change.

Check off supplies when added to your home kit:

- Food and water
- Manual can opener
- Utensils
- First-aid Kit
- Flashlight
- Battery-operated radio
- Batteries
- Cash in small denominations and coins / Credit Cards
- Unscented liquid household bleach for water purification
- Personal hygiene items, including toilet paper, feminine supplies and soap
- Sturdy shoes
- Heavy gloves
- Warm clothes, a hat and rain gear
- A local map
- Extra prescription eyeglasses, hearing aid or other vital personal items
- Plastic sheeting, duct tape and utility knife for covering broken windows
- Tools including pliers and shut-off wrench to turn off utilities if necessary
- Blanket or sleeping bag
- Extra keys to your house and vehicle
- A copy of important documents and phone numbers
- Paper towels, aluminum foil
- Fire extinguisher
- Paper, pencils
- Large plastic bags for waste and sanitation
- Diapers and other items for babies and children
- Special-need items for family members with mobility problems, such as an extra cane or manual wheelchair in case there is no power for recharging an electric wheelchair
- Tent
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Pet Supplies
- Plastic storage containers
- Signal flare
- Needles and thread

<u>Food</u>	<u>Water</u>
<p>Store enough emergency food to feed your family for at least three days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables • Canned juices, milk and soup • High-energy foods, such as peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars and trail mix • Comfort foods, such as hard candy, sweetened cereals, candy bars and cookies • Dried foods (select carefully as some have high salt content) • Instant meals that don't require cooking or water • Vitamins • Protein or fruit bars • Nuts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store 1 gallon of water per person and pet per day • Seal water containers tightly in a clean food-grade plastic container, label them with a date, and store in a cool, dark place • Rotate water supplies every six months. (Water can develop or algae from microscopic cracks in the container) • Keep a small bottle of unscented liquid bleach to purify water. (Add eight drops of bleach to each gallon of water. Shake or stir. Let stand 30 minutes)

<u>Important Documents</u>	<u>Maintaining Contact</u>
<p>Keep originals of legal documents in an off-site safe-deposit box:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificates, adoption papers <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security cards <input type="checkbox"/> Military discharge <input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance ID cards <input type="checkbox"/> Life insurance policies <input type="checkbox"/> Property insurance policies <input type="checkbox"/> Auto registration/ownership papers <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalization documents <input type="checkbox"/> Power of attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Will <input type="checkbox"/> Passport <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate deeds of trust <input type="checkbox"/> Previous year tax returns <input type="checkbox"/> Contact info of your attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Inventory of valuables with photographs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine the best two escape routes from your home • Plan where to meet if your home becomes unsafe. Choose two places, one just outside your home and one outside your neighborhood • Designate a contact person far enough away to not be affected by the same emergency. Instruct family members to call this person and tell them where they are • If you have a cell phone, include an emergency contact in your phonebook. Put the letters ICE for "in case of emergency" before a person's name to let rescuers know whom to contact

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First-aid kit:

- Two pairs of disposable gloves
- Sterile Dressings
- Gauze bandage
- Cleansing agent/soap and antibiotic towelettes
- Antibiotic ointment
- Burn ointment
- Thermometer
- Adhesive bandages in a variety of sizes
- Adhesive tape, 2-inch width
- Eye-wash solution
- Cold pack
- Scissors
- Cotton swabs
- Tweezers
- Over-the-counter medicines such as aspirin or other pain reliever, laxative, anti-diarrhea medication, antacid
- Daily prescription medications such as insulin, heart medicine or asthma inhaler
- Prescribed medical supplies such as glucose monitoring equipment or blood-pressure monitors

Evacuation Bag:

An easy-to-carry bag with an ID tag for each member of the family for use for an evacuation. Include the following:

- Some water, food and manual can opener
- Flashlight and batteries
- Battery-operated radio
- Whistle
- Personal medications and prescriptions
- Extra keys to your house and vehicle
- Walking shoes, warm cloths, a hat and rain gear
- Extra prescription eyeglasses, hearing aid or other vital personal items
- Toilet paper, plastic bags and other hygiene supplies
- Dust mask
- Pocket knife, compass
- Paper, pens and tape for leaving messages
- Money in small denominations
- Copies of insurance and identification cards
- A recent picture of your family members and pets
- In your child's bag include a favorite toy, game or book, as well as his or her emergency card with reunification location and contact info

Pets:

- Get a pet carrier or a crate for each household pet. It should be large enough to allow your pet to stand up and turn around inside.
- Have a leash and a muzzle on hand to help control your dog.
- Have newspapers, plastic bags, cleansers, kitty litter and disinfectants available to handle pet wastes.
- Have sufficient amounts of pet food, water and special medications on hand.
- Be sure your pet's rabies and other vaccinations are current. Your pet's collar should have a license tag. Gather your pet's ID records and medical info into a waterproof package. Include a recent photo of you and the pet with a detailed written description and copy of the current vaccinations certificate.
- Ask local animal shelters if they provide emergency shelter or foster care for pets in a disaster.