

READY OR NOT?

HAVE A PLAN

BUILDING YOUR DISASTER SUPPLY KIT



Build your kit all at once or step by step. Start with what you have at home. Then shop for the rest. Build it to shelter in place or evacuate.

Pack these basic supplies for each person in a portable container or backpack. You'll need them whether you stay or go.



STEP 1 FOOD AND WATER

- 3-day supply of food that needs no cooking
- 1 gallon of water per day for each person
- Manual can opener
- Baby items (baby food, formula, bottles)
- Pet Supplies (listed on next page)



STEP 2 FIRST AID, MEDICATION, HYGIENE

- First-aid kit (listed on next page)
- Prescriptions and backup medications
- Hand sanitizer, wipes, bleach (To purify water, mix 1/8 teaspoon per gallon. Stir and let stand for 30 minutes.)
- Toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags
- Dental care, hearing aids, and vision products
- Soaps, personal supplies, diapers
- Sunscreen, insect repellent
- Face masks to filter air (N-95 rating)



STEP 3 COMMUNICATION, LIGHTING, DOCUMENT BAG ITEMS

- Battery-powered radio with extra batteries or crank radio (emergency alert radio is best)
- Extra cell phone battery and car charger
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Matches and lighter
- Whistle
- Reading glasses and sunglasses
- Document bag items (listed on next page)

You may have to leave in a hurry to get to a safe place. Keep these supplies near your car. When it's time, grab them and go.



STEP 4 ADD THESE ITEMS FOR EVACUATING BY CAR

- Road maps
- Car repair items (tools, spare tire, tire patch kit, oil)
- More food and water
- Plastic plates, cups and utensils
- Tent, blankets and pillows
- Clothes and sturdy shoes
- Rain gear and towels
- Books, games and toys

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

- Fill your gas tank, check your spare tire
- Take cash, checkbook and credit cards
- Call your family emergency contact
- Charge your mobile phone
- Get a map of your route

When staying home is your safest choice, add these items to your kit and stay tuned to the news.



STEP 5 ADD THESE ITEMS FOR SHELTERING IN PLACE

- Smoke detectors with extra batteries
- Carbon monoxide detector (if using generators, charcoal grills or camp stoves)
- Fire extinguisher
- Land line phone with extra long cord
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to seal doors, windows and air vents from contaminated air or to build an emergency shelter)



PET SUPPLIES

- 3-day supply of food, water and bowls
- Medications and pet first-aid kit
- Vaccination records
- Crate or carrier (may be required in shelters or where you spend the night)
- Leash and toys
- Photo, in case pet gets lost
- Cat litter and box



FIRST AID KIT CONTENTS

- 2 compress dressings (5 x 9 inches)
- 25 band-aids (different sizes)
- First-aid tape
- Antibiotic ointment
- Hydrocortisone ointment
- Aspirin and ibuprofen
- Instant cold pack
- 2 pair of medical gloves (non-latex)
- Oral thermometer, scissors, tweezers
- 2 roller bandages (different widths)
- 2 elastic bandages
- 10 sterile gauze pads (different sizes)
- 2 triangular bandages (for making slings)
- First aid instruction booklet



DOCUMENT BAG CONTENTS

- Current photo IDs, driver licenses, birth records, Social Security cards, passports
- Photos of family members in case you get separated
- Health insurance and prescription cards
- Medical records, medications and dosages
- Phone numbers (family, friends, doctors)
- Bank account information
- Wills
- Insurance documents (homeowner, renter, flood, life)
- Property deeds, leases, mortgages
- Vehicle titles, insurance, leases, loan documents
- Inventory of household possessions and their value
- Backup computer files (on a CD, DVD, USB drive)
- Copies of important keys
- Utility bills (to prove where you live)



PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THOSE WITH ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS

Think about what you need to make it on your own. Plan now for your health away from home. Label medical equipment with your contact information.

- Wheelchairs, walkers and canes
- Cooler with cold packs for medications
- Extra medications and dosages
- Copies of prescriptions and medical alert tags
- Food for special diets
- Medical supplies (oxygen, glucose monitoring strips, syringes, etc.)
- Hearing aids with extra batteries
- Communication devices
- Supplies and documentation for service animals

Note: Dial 2-1-1 for information about available services during an emergency (registering for evacuations must be done every year).