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# HOME EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SHOPPING LIST





## **Supply Kit**

There are six basics you should stock in your home: water, food, first aid, clothing and bedding, tools, and emergency supplies and special items. Keep the items you will most likely need during an evacuation in an easy-to-carry container such as a large, covered trash container, camping backpack or duffle bag. Keep a smaller version of the disaster supplies kit in the trunk of your car.

The following is not an exhaustive list. Tailor your kit to your household's needs.

#### Water

Store one gallon of water per person per day, minimum three day supply; one half to one gallon of water per pet per day

#### **How to Store Water**

Store your water in thoroughly washed plastic, fiberglass or enamel-lined metal containers. Never use a container that has held toxic substances. Plastic containers, such as soft drink bottles, are the best. You can also purchase foodgrade plastic buckets or drums.



Seal water containers tightly, label them and store in a cool, dark place. Replace every six months.

## **Special Items**

#### **For Baby**

- Formula
- Diapers
- Bottles
- Medications
- Powdered milk

#### **For Pets**

- ☐ 1/2 to 1 gallon of water per day per pet
- □ 3-day supply of food
- ☐ Kitty litter and/or puppy pee pads
- Collar with identifying tags and leash
- One, size-appropriate, pet carrier per pet (no cardboard carriers for cats)
- Pet carriers will likely be required at pet shelters in an evacuation scenario



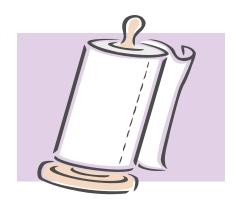
#### **For Adults**

- Over the counter medications
- Prescription drugs
- Contact lenses and supplies if needed, as well as extra pair of eye glasses
- Entertainment games for children; books for adults.
- ☐ Insulin for diabetics in the household
- Denture needs

#### **Sanitation**

- Toilet paper, towelettes
- Feminine supplies
- Plastic garbage bags, ties
- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Household chlorine bleach
- Soap, liquid detergent
- Personal hygiene items

- Small shovel, to dig expedient latrine
- Disinfectant



## Clothing and Bedding

Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person.

- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- Rain gear
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Hat and gloves



- Thermal underwear
- Sunglasses
- Plastic Tarpaulin (to keep bedding off the floor or ground)
- Mylar emergency blanket

#### **Food**

Store at least a three day supply of non-perishable food for each person. Select foods that require no refrigeration, cooking or preparation. Select food items that are compact and lightweight and rotate the food supply every six months.

- Ready to eat canned Juices - canned, meats, fruits and powdered or vegetables crystallized
- Soups bouillon cubes or dried soups in a cup
- Milk powdered or canned
- Stress foods sugar cookies, hard candy
- Staples sugar, salt, pepper

- Smoked or dried meats such as beef jerky
- High energy foods peanut butter, nuts, trail mix, etc
- Ready to eat energy bars

## **Non-Prescription Medications**

- Vitamins
- Antacid
- Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever
- Laxative
- Rubbing alcohol
- Activated charcoal

- Anti-diarrhea medication
- Emetic (to induce vomiting)
- Eye wash
  - Antiseptic or hydrogen peroxide

#### First Aid Kit

- ☐ Sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes
- □ 3-inch sterile gauze pads (8-12)
- Triangular bandages (3)
- ☐ Scissors Needle
- ☐ Bar of soap
- Antiseptic spray
- Tongue blades and wooden applicator sticks
- ☐ Assorted sizes of safety pins
- ☐ Latex gloves
- Cleansing agent soap
- 2-inch sterile gauze pads (8-12)
- Hypo-allergenic adhesive tape
- 2 & 3-inch sterile roller bandages (3 rolls each)
- Tweezers
- Safety razor blade
- ☐ Moistened towelettes (8-10 packages)
- □ Non-breakable thermometer
- ☐ Tube of petroleum jelly or other lubricant

### **Tools and Supplies**

- Mess kits, or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Battery operated weather radio with AM/ FM receiver and extra batteries\*
- Cash and change
- Fire extinguisher, small canister, ABC type
- Pliers
- Compass
- Aluminum foil
- ☐ Signal flare
- ☐ Needles, thread
- Shut-off wrench for gas and water
- Plastic sheeting
- Home Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Non-electric can opener, utility knife
- Tube tent

- Tape
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Plastic storage containers
- Paper, pencil
- Medicine dropper
- Metal whistle with lanyard
- Dust mask and work gloves
- Cell phone charger
- Several safety light sticks (bend, snap, or shake type light sticks)

\* Do not install batteries until needed

