



Build an Emergency Supply Kit

Emergencies can happen anytime, so having a well-stocked emergency kit is essential. Being prepared helps you and your family stay safe, healthy, and informed during crises like hurricanes, floods, wildfires, or power outages. Your kit should have enough supplies to last at least seven days, including food, water, medicine, and important documents. Customize it to fit your household's needs, including items for infants, elderly members, and pets.

GENERAL

- ☐ Water: One gallon per person per day, for at least seven days.
- ☐ Non-perishable food: at least a one-week supply.
- ☐ Manual can opener.
- ☐ Mess kits: disposable plates, cups, utensils, and paper towels.
- ☐ First aid kit: Include bandages, antiseptics, over-the-counter medications, and prescription medicines
- ☐ Personal Hygiene Items: Soap, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine products, and deodorant.
- ☐ Eyeglasses and extra contact lenses.
- ☐ Flashlight or lantern.
- ☐ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio.
- ☐ Extra batteries. Cellphone with charger, extra battery backup, solar charger.
- ☐ Cash, preferably small bills.
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles.
- ☐ Paper and pencil.
- ☐ Whistle: To signal for help if trapped or lost.
- ☐ Clothing & Sturdy Shoes: Pack for different weather conditions.
- ☐ Insect repellent.

- ☐ Sunscreen.
- ☐ Full tank of gas in vehicle.
- ☐ Extra gas cans.

DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Driver's license, passport, other ID cards.
- ☐ Social Security card. Birth certificate.
- ☐ Marriage license, wills, death certificates, military records and other hard-to-replace documents.
- ☐ Insurance policies for home, health, flood, auto, renters. Titles to house, vehicles, boats.
- ☐ Account numbers for bank, credit cards, savings and investments.
- ☐ Important numbers and emergency contacts.
- ☐ Medical records from pharmacy, doctors, blood type, vaccinations.
- ☐ Household inventory.

BABIES

- ☐ Baby food/ formula.
- ☐ Sterilized bottles.
- ☐ Bottled water.
- ☐ Medications.
- ☐ Diapers, wipes.

- ☐ Clothing.
- ☐ Thermometer.
- ☐ Blanket, pacifier, comfort items.
- ☐ Plastic trash bags for diapers.

SERVICE ANIMALS AND PETS

- ☐ Food, potable water, bowls, cat litter/pan, and can opener.
- ☐ Medications and medical records and a first aid kit.
- ☐ Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and/or carriers to transport pets safely and ensure that your animals cannot escape.
- ☐ Photo of you and your pet(s) – in the event you are separated from your pet, having an updated photo with your pet will help validate pet ownership.
- ☐ Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to foster or board your pets.
- ☐ Pet beds and toys, if easily transportable.
- ☐ Identification/updated microchip.
- ☐ County license. Immunization records. Toys/blanket.
- ☐ Plastic waste bags, disinfectant, paper towels.



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Below are additional checklists to use when an evacuation order is issued and you must shelter elsewhere, and another to follow when returning home.

FRIEND/FAMILY HOME OR HOTEL

In addition to general supplies:

- ☐ Pillow and blankets.
- ☐ Air mattress, sleeping bag, floor mat.
- ☐ Change of clothing for several days.
- ☐ Other supplies needed by host home.

PUBLIC SHELTER – GENERAL

In addition to general supplies:

- ☐ Blanket, pillow, cot, folding chair or twin-size air mattress.
- ☐ Change of clothing for several days.
- ☐ Special dietary items (sugar-free, low sodium, gluten-free, vegetarian/ vegan, etc.) with can opener, if required. Basic food/water is provided.
- ☐ Wearable medical alert tag.
- ☐ Ear plugs.
- ☐ Eye mask/covering.

PUBLIC SHELTER – SPECIAL NEEDS

In addition to general supplies:

- ☐ Wheelchair, walker, cane, other medical equipment.
- ☐ Oxygen concentrator.
- ☐ Nebulizer.
- ☐ Written instructions or orders regarding your care.
- ☐ Caretaker's supplies.

HOME

In addition to general supplies (if you shelter in place or for when you return home):

- ☐ Ice and coolers.
- ☐ Tarps with rope or elastic cord, sheets of plastic.
- ☐ Wrench, utility knife, hammer, nails.
- ☐ Duct tape.

- ☐ Face Masks – To help filter contaminated air or prevent illness.
- ☐ Portable toilet or large bucket with lid.
- ☐ Large garbage bags.
- ☐ Disinfectant.
- ☐ Unscented bleach with medicine dropper.
- ☐ Matches or lighter.
- ☐ Outdoor grill and extra propane or charcoal.
- ☐ Fire Extinguisher – Ensure it is suitable for all types of fires.
- ☐ Utility Shut-Off Tools – A wrench or pliers may be needed to turn off gas, water, or power.
- ☐ Extra Fuel for Vehicles & Generators – If safe to store, have extra gas available for evacuation or backup power.

