

EMERGENCY PLANNING



Would you know what to do in the event of an emergency? The following are some guidelines and recommendations to help you and your family prepare for a disaster.

Be Prepared

Start out by stocking a survival kit for your home: **water, food, clothing, first aid kit, supplies and special items.** Keep these items in an easy-to-carry container ready to go in case of an evacuation. Suggested containers include a plastic storage bin, backpack or duffel bag.

Put items in airtight plastic bags and store the emergency kit in a convenient place known to all family members. Consider keeping a kit in your vehicles as well. Evaluate contents of the kit and family needs at least once a year. Replace items as needed.

Plan and practice

- Evacuation procedures
- Individual roles
- Communication plan

Stay in contact

- Decide on a meeting place outside of the neighborhood
- Choose an out-of-state friend or relative that will act as a point of contact for everyone

Meet with neighbors

- Work together
- Assist neighbors with special needs
- Make plans for children at home if parents can't return to the area

Complete these steps

- Post emergency phone numbers by every phone and program into cell phones
- Know how and when to shut off water, electricity and gas at main controls
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on each level of your home near bedrooms
- Make arrangements for animals, public shelters do not accept them

Personal safety should be the highest priority

- During an evacuation, immediately follow instructions from fire, police, and emergency officials
- Learn alternate ways out of the neighborhood - plan and rehearse an escape plan
- Make a list of items to take with you - remember, you may only have a few minutes
- If told to evacuate immediately, take only essential items:
 - Medications/Prescriptions
 - Identification
 - Eyeglasses, dentures, hearing aids

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Assemble emergency kits for your home and car

WATER

- Store in a location that will prevent water from freezing.
- Avoid using containers that will decompose or break, such as wax milk cartons or glass bottles.
- Change your stored water supply every six months
- Store one gallon of water per person per day (two quarts for drinking, two quarts for food preparation and sanitation.)

FOOD

- Store at least a three day supply of non-perishable food.
- Select foods that are compact, lightweight, require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking and little or no water.
- Rotate stored food every six months.
- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables, juices, milk, soup (if powdered, store extra water).
- Staples – sugar, salt, pepper.
- High-energy foods – peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars and trail mix.
- Comfort/stress foods – cookies, hard candy, sweetened cereals, lollipops, instant coffee, and tea bags.

CLOTHING

- Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person.
- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- Hat and gloves
- Sunglasses
- Thermal underwear and rain gear

FIRST AID

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sterile adhesive bandages | <input type="checkbox"/> Needle | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Triangular bandages | <input type="checkbox"/> Moistened towelettes | <input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sterile gauze pads (assorted sizes) | <input type="checkbox"/> Antiseptic | <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-diarrhea medication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hypoallergenic adhesive tape | <input type="checkbox"/> Thermometer | <input type="checkbox"/> Antacid (for stomach upset) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine dropper | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription drugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tweezers | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety pins (assorted sizes) | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Latex gloves (2 pair) | |

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic cups, plates and utensils | <input type="checkbox"/> Pliers | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper & pencil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battery operated radio & flashlights | <input type="checkbox"/> Tape | <input type="checkbox"/> Needles & thread |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-electric can opener | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrench to turn off gas and water | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic sheeting | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguisher – ABC type | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches in a waterproof container | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tent / sleeping bag / blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum foil | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic storage containers | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Signal flare | |

SPECIAL NEEDS

Important Documents (in waterproof container)

- Cash and / or travelers checks
- Important telephone numbers
- Will, insurance policies, contracts
- Social Security Cards / Bank numbers
- Inventory of valuable household goods

- Family records (birth / marriage)
- Denture needs
- Extra eye glasses
- Contact lenses and supplies
- Medications

For Babies

- Formula / Bottles / Powdered Milk
- Medications
- Diapers

For Pets

- Extra food
- Medications

Sanitation

- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Toilet paper & towelettes
- Plastic garbage bags & ties
- Soap
- Personal hygiene items
- Disinfectant / Bleach