

Build Your EMERGENCY KIT

Having an emergency kit on-hand will help keep you and your family safe. Use this convenient list to prepare a personal kit.

A Basic Kit Will Include:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Cell phone and charger
- Local maps



Additional Items to Consider Adding to Your Kit

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of birth and marriage certificates, passports, social security cards, insurance policies, health information, wills, home ownership documents -loan and deed, bank and investment account records, and digital files of family photos assembled in a waterproof, portable container
- Recent family photos in case you are separated
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Also have a family emergency plan with contact information, two ways to evacuate your home and a designated meeting spot. Be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses.

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