

ARE YOU PREPARED?

When an emergency happens, it is important to be prepared. You plan as a family to survive a house fire by having smoke detectors and an exit strategy. But what about a flood, a terrorist attack, or another emergency? Are you prepared? **Get Ready Now!**

Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for *at least three days*. Consider two kits: **HOME EMERGENCY KIT** that has everything you need so you can stay where you are and make it on your own, and an **EMERGENCY GO BAG** that is lightweight, smaller version that you can take with you if you have to get away.


Emergency Go Bag Check List


- Bottled water and food that comes in easy to open containers (a three day supply).
- Prescription medication for a week and copies of your prescriptions.
- Small first-aid kit
- Blanket/throw
- Sturdy shoes/boots, warm clothes, rain gear and hats.
- Extra pair of glasses and/or hearing aid
- Personal hygiene items - soap, wipes, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, toothbrush, and toothpaste.
- Items for family members with special needs - canes, walkers, diapers and formula.
- Essential items for pet care
- Flashlight, battery operated/manual radio, extra batteries (various sizes)





- Pocketknife, whistle, road map, manual can opener, and multi-tool
- Extra house and car keys
- Family communication plan that includes emergency phone numbers.
- Credit and debit cards, small amounts of money - such as coins, and one and five dollar bills.
- Copies of important documents such as identification, passports, home and auto insurance information, bank and credit card account numbers.
- Cell phone and chargers, check out apps that act as walkie-talkies.
- Recent family photo(s) for identification - including your pets.

Although your EMERGENCY GO BAG will include a number of items, make sure it is a sturdy bag and easy to carry. Also, keep in mind:



 Prepare an EMERGENCY GO BAG for **EACH** member of your household.

 Store your EMERGENCY GO BAG in a place that is easy to get to.

 Prepare an EMERGENCY GO BAG for year-round use: spring, summer, fall & winter.

 Update your EMERGENCY GO BAG every six months. Replace items that will expire such as food and medical supplies.



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