

Emergency Preparedness Checklist



Emergencies, whether man-made or natural, often occur without warning. While officials are responding to the larger event they may not be able to respond to individual needs. You may be required to shelter in your current place or even leave familiar surroundings. The key to managing yourself in an emergency is to have a plan and prepare for the “what ifs”. Your family will cope best by preparing for disaster before it strikes. Once disaster hits, you will not have time to shop or search for supplies. If you gather supplies in advance, your family can endure an evacuation or home confinement. One way to prepare for emergencies is to create an emergency kit that will enable you to survive for at least ten days on your own. You should prepare two kits, one for sheltering in place and another that you can take with you in case you need to leave your home.

BASIC KIT:

- Bottled water: one gallon of water per person per day
 - Non-perishable food
 - Battery-powered radio
 - NOAA weather radio
 - Flashlight
 - Extra batteries for radios/flashlight
 - First Aid kit
- Dust mask or surgical mask (cotton t-shirt can be used) to help filter air
 - Moist towelles/hand sanitizer
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
 - Manual can opener
- Medications (prescriptions and over the counter)
 - Medical Records
 - Infant care items
 - Garbage bags
- Important family documents (birth certificates, social security cards, insurance policies, bank information, etc.)
 - Cash, traveler's checks, and change
 - Car and/or home cell phone charger
 - Extra clothing
 - Blankets

IN YOUR CAR:

- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Map
- First Aid kit
- Tire repair kit
- Booster cables
- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food items
- Blankets
- Windshield scraper

FOR YOUR PETS:

- Food and food bowl
- Water and water bowl
- Medications
- Cat litter pan and extra cat litter
- Leash/Carrier/Pet bed
- Toys