

Emergency Supply Checklist



When disaster strikes, immediate help may not be available. Every household should have an emergency kit with enough supplies to see you through three days following a natural disaster or terrorist attack. The checklist below includes basic items that every kit should include. You may need to supplement this list with additional items based on where you live, the type of potential disasters you might face and the unique needs of your family. You should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits: one complete kit at home and a more portable kit at your workplace or in your vehicle. Include the following in your home kit:

For Everyone

- Water (3 gallons per person for drinking and sanitation)
- Food that does not need electricity for storage or preparation
- Manual can opener (if kit contains canned food)
- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and a commercial radio or hand crank radio
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- First aid kit and emergency medical reference manual
- Prescription medications and eyewear
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels, moist towelettes, garbage bags and ties
- Complete change of clothing, including a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, socks and sturdy shoes

Additional Items

- Cash in small denominations or traveler's checks and change
- Copies of important family documents, such as insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper (When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach it can be used to disinfect)
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air) and plastic sheeting/duct tape (to shelter where you are)
- Local maps
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children
- Paper and pencil
- Fire Extinguisher
- Whistle to signal for help

For Baby

- Formula
- Bottled water to mix with formula and to wash bottles
- Bottles
- Blankets (both emergency blankets and receiving blankets)
- Diapers – keep the diaper size current
- Disposable wipes
- Copy of a current shot record
- Bath towels and wash cloths
- Burp cloths, bibs
- Cotton swabs
- Medications
- Diaper rash ointment
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For Pets

- Identification tags on collars
- Medications, immunization records
- Food, drinking water, bowls, cat litter/pan and can opener
- Sturdy leashes or carriers to transport pets safely (Carriers should be large enough for the pet to stand up, turn around and lie down)
- Towels or blankets
- Current photos of you with your pets
- Feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian
- Pet beds and toys

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