



EMERGENCY PREPARATION

IT'S IN THE BAG

Be ready for anything! Pack a bag with essential supplies for emergencies.



BUILDING AN EMERGENCY KIT

Every situation is unique, so it's important to build an emergency kit that meets your needs. These two checklists can get you started with all the basic items that can keep you safe during a disaster.

BASIC EMERGENCY KIT CHECKLIST

- Water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Nonperishable food (enough for several days)
- Extra cell phone battery or charger
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio that can receive NOAA Weather Radio tone alerts and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to filter contaminated air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place
- Toilet paper, moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener
- Local maps



ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food, water, and other pet supplies
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, IDs, and bank account records in a portable, waterproof container
- Cash and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing, including a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, and sturdy shoes
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies, personal hygiene items, and hand sanitizer
- Mess kits, paper cups and plates, disposable utensils, and paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for children