

Habitat Homeowner Disaster Supply Kit

A disaster survival kit includes supplies your family might need to survive in the event of a disaster. It should be easy to carry and can be used at home or taken with you in case you must evacuate during an emergency.

You can purchase a pre-assembled emergency kit or create your own. Be sure your kit is prepared well before a disaster strikes, and check your supplies every three months. When assembling your own disaster supply kit, keep the following list in mind.

The essentials

- Water — one gallon per person, per day, for at least three days.
- Food — at least a three-day supply of nonperishable items.
- Blankets/sleeping bags/pillows/towels.
- Closed-toe, sturdy shoes.
- Jacket or coat.
- NOAA weather radio or other battery-powered radio.
- Flashlight.
- Extra batteries.
- Important documents — copies of insurance policies, birth/death/marriage certificates, wills, passports, driver's license & other identification docs, deeds, bank account records and emergency medical information — stored in a waterproof and portable container.
- Prescription medication.
- Extra cash. (ATMs, Credit Cards may not be working in a disaster)
- Dust masks to help filter contaminated air.
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place.
- Garbage bags.
- Whistle.
- Basic tools such as a wrench, pliers and screwdriver.
- Manual can opener.
- Local maps.
- Cell phone and charger.
- Personal hygiene items and feminine supplies.
- First aid kit.
 - Two pairs of latex or other sterile gloves.
 - Sterile dressings to stop bleeding.
 - Soap and antibiotic towelettes.
 - Antibiotic and burn ointments.
 - Bandages in a variety of sizes.
 - Eye wash solution.
 - Thermometer.

- Aspirin or other pain reliever.
- Anti-diarrhea medication.
- Antacid.
- Laxative.
- Scissors and tweezers.
- Prescription medications and medical supplies.

Optional items

- Paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils.
- Extra clothes that can be washed by hand and hang dry. (1 spare set per person)
- Matches in a waterproof container.
- Fire extinguisher.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine droppers.
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children.
- Baby supplies — bottles, formula and diapers.
- Medical supplies — oxygen, catheters, wheelchairs, hearing aid batteries, etc.
- Two-way radios.
- Rain gear.
- Have a backup place to stay (A friend or family's house, hotel etc.)

For your pet

- Photocopies of medical records and photos of your pets for identification purposes.
- Medications.
- Feeding dishes and at least a three-day supply of food and water.
- Disposable litter trays and litter.
- Extra collar or harness and leash.
- Blanket and toys.
- Sturdy pet carrier.
- Important information and the name and telephone number of your veterinarian.