

EMERGENCY KITS

An emergency kit is simply a collection of basic items you may need in the event of an emergency. Try to assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency. You may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you. Three separate emergency kits are essential to be prepared at home, at work, and in the car. Customize your emergency kits to fit your needs. Think about your responsibilities and remember to include items for kids, pets, and whatever else may need special attention during an emergency. Your emergency kit should be ready for evacuation, shelter-in-place, and first aid. For convenience, these items can be put in easy to carry containers such as unused covered trash cans, covered storage bins, and camping backpacks. You should keep your emergency kit in a convenient, designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept. Additionally, check expiration dates every six months to maintain your emergency kit.

- Water—one gallon of water per person per day.
- Food—three-day supply on non-perishable and high-energy food like peanut butter, granola bars, trail mix, etc.
- Clothing—complete change of clothing, hat and gloves, thermal underwear, rain gear, sunglasses, tennis shoes.
- Blankets or sleeping bag.
- First Aid Supplies—sterile adhesive bandages, sterile gauze pads, medical tape, disposable gloves, bandage rolls, sunscreen, thermometer, wipes, soap, aspirin and medications.

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

- Flashlight and batteries
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio
- Utility knife
- Can opener
- Fire extinguisher
- Duct tape and plastic sheeting
- Toilet paper
- Compass
- Local maps
- Whistle
- Paper and pencil
- Matches/lighter
- Personal hygiene items

SPECIAL NEEDS

- Cash
- List of contacts
- Copies of important documents—birth certificates, will, insurance policies, passport, Social Security cards, family records and bank numbers
- Batteries
- Dentures
- Eye glasses
- Medications
- Hearing aids
- Diapers
- Formula, bottles and powdered milk
- Books and toys
- Food, water, supplies, veterinary paperwork and medications for pets