

Home Shelter Kit

Assemble one now and keep it readily available. Keep temperature-sensitive items inside your home and mark them with their date of purchase. Replace them periodically throughout the year. Batteries kept in a cold refrigerator prolongs their charge. Devise a plan on where you will go and how you can be reached if you leave your home so that family members will know that you are safe.

Please Note: Items marked with star (*) should be kept in your **Shelter Kit** beforehand, in case you need to leave home quickly.

Home Shelter Kit Items to Collect

- Flashlights, batteries and extra bulbs. *
- Clock (windup or battery-operated).
- Radio (battery-operated).
- Extra batteries (replace old ones).
- Toilet paper.
- Matches (water proof).
- Scissors.
- Plastic garbage bags, 50 gallons and smaller. (If you need to make a raincoat, you can cut holes in the top and sides of a large bag for your head and arms).
- A well-maintained fire extinguisher.
- Clean change of clothes, rain gear and sturdy boots. *
- Fully charged battery-operated lanterns. (Try not to use candles; they are a fire hazard).
- Blanket rolls for each person in the household. *
- Map of the area. *
- List of important phone numbers (doctor, insurance company, family members, pharmacy, banks). *
- List of medicines that your family members are taking and a 10 day supply. *
- Copy of insurance policy or other important papers and bank accounts. *

Emergency Toiletries

- Garbage can with tight lid.
- Plastic bags for liners.
- Disinfectant or bleach.
- Deodorizer.
- Extra toilet paper.
- Towelette wipes for adult sanitation too.

Baby Needs *

- Disposable diapers.
- Wipes.
- Diaper-rash ointment.
- Baby medicines.
- Medicine dropper.
- Extra formula, baby food.

Food Supplies

- Store enough nonperishable foods for two weeks. (**Note:** Resist foods that are high in salt; they will increase your thirst.)
- Water: 1 gallon per person per day (store enough for 2 weeks).
- Shelf-stable juice and milk boxes.
- Canned and powdered milk.
- Beverages (canned or powdered, fruit juices, instant coffee, tea).
- Canned vegetables and fruits.
- Canned or bagged dry fruits.
- Prepared foods (canned soups, beef, spaghetti, chicken, ham, pudding, tuna).
- Snacks (crackers, peanut butter, jelly, cheese spreads).
- Cereals.
- Extra baby food and formula. *
- Animal supplies. *
 - Dry and/or canned pet food.
 - Water.
 - Medications.
 - First Aid supplies.
 - Leash, collar.
 - Crate for transportation.
 - Pet litter, shavings.
 - Beddings, towels, blankets.
 - Vet info.
 - Vaccination records/certificates.

Kitchen Supplies

- *Waterless hand sanitizer.* *
- Manual can opener.
- Water purification tablets.
- Bottle opener.
- Matches in a plastic bag.
- Pocketknife.
- Camp stove with plenty of fuel; gas grill with an extra, full propane tank; or charcoal grill with extra charcoal. Use only canned fuel (sterno) for indoor cooking. Make sure that you have a proper CO₂ and gas (propane) detectors in your home. Change detector batteries every 6 months.
- Ice.
- Insulated coolers.
- Paper plates, napkins, cups and plastic utensils.
- Disposable aluminum foil pans for cooking.
- Plastic bags, jugs or containers for water or ice.

Hardware

- Hand tools: hammer, screwdriver, shovel, pickax, handsaws and chainsaw (with gasoline).
- Power screwdriver with charged battery.
- Tarps.
- Rope.

- Sturdy work gloves.
- Duct tape. *
- Nails and screws of various sizes.
- Plywood.

First Aid Kit *

- First Aid handbook.
- Insect bite lotion.
- Petroleum jelly.
- Ointments for burns, cuts.
- Antiseptic solution.
- Over-the-counter medicine (for colds, allergies, cough).
- Aspirin, acetaminophen, antacid tablets.
- Children's medicines.
- Diarrhea medication.
- Incontinence supplies.
- Rubbing alcohol.
- Iodine.
- Disinfectant.

Other Supplies, if necessary

- Medic alert tags.
- Hypoallergenic adhesive tape.
- Thermometer.
- Cotton-tipped swabs.
- Sterile gauze rolls.
- Sterile adhesive bandages.
- Sterile gauze pads.
- Rolled bandages.
- Scissors.
- Tweezers.
- Plastic sheets.
- Adhesive tape.
- Safety pins.
- Latex gloves.
- Insect repellent.
- Citronella candles.
- Sunscreen.
- Feminine hygiene items.
- Soap in plastic bags, hair shampoo.
- Moist towelette packets (baby wipes).

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