

Evacuation Emergency Kit

Your evacuation kit should be stored in something like a backpack. Keep it somewhere like your entry closet so you can just grab it on the way out the door. It should be light enough to carry easily but have enough basic supplies for at least 1 day. Children may need their own small special kits with comfort items just for them in addition to the general supplies in the larger kit. Remember to update your kit every 6 months including change out food or medications that will expire in the next 6 months and put in any extra clothes/ weather gear for the upcoming season. For winter you may need a second bag for extra coats, warm clothes, hats and mittens etc.



- **Identification and information**

- Emergency Contact list
- Important pictures on a CD or thumb drive (both your keep sake family photos and recent photos for identification of loved ones such as children and pets should you get separated)
- Copies of important papers like driver's licenses, birth certificates, insurance policies, list of prescription medications. Can either be paper or on a CD or thumb drive.
- Local map

- **Food and water**

- A bottle of water for everyone
- High energy snacks that can be stored for a long time such as an energy bar, raisins, peanut butter etc.

- **Communication and lighting**

- An extra charger for your cell phone.
- Flashlight with extra batteries (store batteries outside the flashlight to prevent them corroding)- or a hand crank flashlight.

- **First aid**

- A small first aid kit for minor injuries and illnesses. Include a day's supply of any critical prescription medication you have that doesn't require refrigeration

- **Health and Comfort supplies**

- Toilet paper
- Plastic garbage bag- for garbage, rain cover or as an emergency toilet.
- Feminine supplies, extra pair of diapers etc. if needed by your family.
- Emergency rain ponchos for everyone
- Dust masks for everyone
- Extra underclothes like underwear and socks.
- Moist towelettes for hygiene
- Sunscreen

- **General supplies**

- Small paper notebook and pen
- Deck of playing cards

Small amount of cash in case credit card systems are down locally.

- **Pet supplies**

Leash (or store a pet carrier near your emergency kit to grab for them as you leave)

A meal's worth of pet food and a dish for water and food

License and vaccination records

A day's worth of any prescription medicines

A toy

- **Children's kit**

Comfort item like an old stuffed animal or extra baby blanket

A small flashlight of their own

Extra snacks

A toy or activity like a coloring book

A paper with their name, address and your name and phone number on it should you get separated.

A family picture (for comfort and identification)