

Home Disaster Kit

In addition to a Home Disaster Plan, a Home Disaster Kit is one of the best items a family can create to prepare for an emergency. Plan to provide your family with enough food, water and basic supplies to last three days.

A basic Home Disaster Kit should contain the following:

- Food items that does not require refrigeration (protein bars, canned or dried goods, canned fruit and juice, peanut butter) for at least three days, eating utensils, paper plates and cups to last for at least three days.
- One gallon of water per person times three. For example, a family of four should have at least 12 gallons of water set aside for emergencies. During our hot summers, even more water should be set aside for emergencies.
- Flashlight.
- Battery powered radio.
- Additional batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Utility knife.
- Local map.
- Toilet paper.
- Feminine hygiene products.
- Paper painters face masks for dust protection.
- Soap.
- Sanitation supplies.
- Garbage bags.
- Plastic sheeting.
- Duct tape.
- Extra cash.
- Picture identification.
- Extra clothing and shoes, cold weather clothing may be needed depending on the time of the year.
- Baby items, as needed.
- Pet food, as needed.
- Prescription medicine and spare eye glasses.

Rotate items that have a limited shelf life. For example, water needs replacing every six months.