



Home Kit

The first 72 hours after a major emergency or disaster are critical. Electricity, gas, water, and telephones may not be working. In addition, public safety services such as police and fire departments will be busy handling serious crises. You should be prepared to be self-sufficient — able to live without running water, electricity and/or gas, and telephones — for at least three days following a major emergency but more than likely 7-10 days. To do so, keep on hand in a central location (preferably in a rolling trash can) the following:

Emergency Supplies to Keep at Home

- Antibacterial Wipes
- Axe
- Bar of Soap
- Battery Radio & Batteries
- Bicycle
- Blankets or Sleeping Bags
- Broom
- Camping Stove (& supplies necessary to operate stove)
- Candles and Matches
- Change of Clothing (per family member)
- City Maps
- Communication Kit (paper, pens/pencils, markers, duct tape, stamps, envelopes)
- Cutlery (knives, forks, spoons)
- Deodorant
- Dollars & Quarters (\$100 in \$0.25, \$1 & \$5 increments)
- Dust Mask (N95) & ear plugs
- Eyeglasses
- Family Photo
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Fire Extinguisher (ABC)
- First Aid Book
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight & Batteries
- Garden Hose
- Goggles
- Heat Pak
- Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil
- Household Bleach
- Leatherman / multi-use tool
- Light sticks
- Lip Balm
- Manual Can Opener
- Matches
- Medical Gloves
- Old Clothes
- Paper Towels
- Phone Numbers
- Plastic Bags
- Plastic Tarps
- Plates and Cups
- Prescription Meds
- Rain Poncho
- Rope (1/2" coil) & 50' Nylon Cord
- Shampoo & Comb
- Shovel
- Snacks
- Space Blanket
- Sturdy Shoes
- Tent
- Tissue
- Toilet Paper
- Tool Kit (screwdriver, pliers, hammer, crescent wrench, small pry bar)
- Toothbrush & paste
- Upset Stomach Medicine
- Vitamin C
- Water (1 gallon per family member/day)

- ❑ Household Keys & Car Keys
- ❑ Insurance Info
- ❑ Knife or Razor Blades
- ❑ Large Trash Bags
- ❑ Water Purification Kit
- ❑ Whistle & Small Mirror
- ❑ Window Replacement Supplies (plastic tape, staple gun, sheeting)
- ❑ Work Gloves

** Note- make sure your home kit accounts for the special needs of ALL family members i.e. babies (diapers, sanitation supplies, formula, food, bottles, comfort gear, toys, treats) & pets (leash, muzzle, food, water, water dish, ID tags, toys, treats, photo, litter pan, litter, medical information)*

Explanation of items

Antibacterial Wipes	Keep hands clean and conserve water
Axe	Breakdown debris, create cribbing supplies
Bar of Soap	Personal hygiene, first aid
Battery Radio	Keep informed when power is out and you leave your car
Bicycle	Road may be impassible by car
Blankets or Sleeping Bags	Sleeping and warmth
Broom	Clean area, move debris
Camping Stove	Cooking- make sure you have operated your stove before an actual disaster
Candles & Matches	Lighting- electricity may be out for some time or cooking
Change of Clothing	Personal hygiene or first aid supplies
City maps	Need to navigate quickly and find alternate routes
Communication Kit	Use for documentation
Cutlery	Eating
Deodorant	Personal hygiene, aid comfort in stressful situations
Dollars & Quarters	ATMs may not work. Businesses can require cash payments and have minimal change. Pay phones will be useable before residential phones
Dust Mask (N95) & Ear Plugs	Minimize inhaling dust after an earthquake, protect ears
Eyeglasses	Keep an old pair of glasses available in case yours are lost or damaged
Family Photo	Help other to locate your family members
Feminine Hygiene Products	Personal hygiene
Fire Extinguisher	Extinguish small fires
First Aid Book	Assist with first aid treatment
First Aid Kit	Treat minor injuries

Flashlight & Batteries	Power may be out. Keep the batteries in their original package and replace before the expiration date and head lamp with spare batteries
Garden Hose	Siphoning and firefighting
Goggles	Protect eyes from dust and debris
Heat Pak	Warmth or injury treatment
Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil	Cooking
Household Bleach	Purify water
Household Keys & Car Keys	Entry/locking home and car
Insurance Information	Keep a duplicate copy with you in case you can't get back in your house
Knife or Razor Blades	Cut debris
Large Trash Bags	Storage of waste
Leatherman/Multi-use Tool	Multi use tool for most situations
Light sticks	In case batteries don't work...lightsticks give up to 12 hours of light
Lip Balm	Keep lips healthy
Manual Can Opener	To open canned food
Matches	Waterproof matches in a container but not to be used if natural gas is present. Cooking fires, lanterns
Medical Gloves	Bacteria protection while giving first aid
Old Clothes	Comfort and protection from elements
Paper Towels	Keep area/person clean
Phone Numbers	Out of area contact who can relay information to other family members. Local area codes will be blocked. School emergency contact numbers and copies of ID
Plastic Bags	Disposal of waste products
Plastic Tarps	Shelter
Plates & Cups	Eating
Prescription Medications	Keep at least a three day supply with you
Rain Poncho	Protection from rain
Rope (1/2" coil) & 50' Nylon Cord	Multi-use piece of gear
Shampoo & comb	If you have the opportunity to freshen up
Shovel	Digging

Snacks	Provide nourishment while trying to get home
Space Blanket	One for each family member- light weight, compact, will keep you warm
Sturdy Shoes	Protect feet from broken glass, nails, etc.
Tent	Shelter
Tissue	Multi use product
Toilet Paper	In case you're stranded!
Tool Kit	Multi-use gear
Toothbrush & Paste	You may not get home for a while
Upset Stomach Meds	Relief in case you eat bad food or water
Vitamin C	Promote health in stressful situations
Water	At least one gallon in your car...replace every 6 months
Water Purification Kit	Making water healthy for human consumption
Whistle & Small Mirror	Provide a means to call/signal for help
Window Replacement Supplies	Improve shelter
Work Gloves	Protect hands from glass and other hazards

Include anything else that will make you more comfortable!