**Preparedness Checklist**

**Checklist for Evacuation**

**General Items:**

* Cash or travelers’ checks and coins (banks may close and ATMs may be inoperable)
* Credit cards: also make a copy of the back of your credit cards (the back has contact numbers you may need—especially if you lose them)
* Extra set of house keys and car keys
* Personal identification (Driver’s license/Passport)
* Social Security cards

**Personal Items:**

* Deodorants, sunscreen
* Light blanket and small pillow for traveling
* Lip balm, insect repellent
* Outerwear appropriate to the climate
* Razor, shaving cream
* Shampoo, comb, and brush
* Tooth paste, toothbrushes
* Towelettes, soap, hand sanitizer
* Vitamins
* Washcloth and towel
* Water, snacks, etc.

**Copies of the Following (keep these items in a portable container):**

* Bank account numbers
* Birth certificate
* Deeds
* Emergency contact list and phone numbers
* Immunization records
* Insurance papers
* Inventory of household goods
* Map of the area and phone numbers of places you could go
* Marriage certificate/Divorce papers/Custody orders
* Medical information, doctor/pharmacy contact info
* School report cards/ IEPs, if child is in school
* Stocks and bonds
* Wills, powers of attorney

**Pet Supplies:**

* Medications, medical records and a first-aid kit in a waterproof container
* Sturdy leashes, harnesses and/or carriers (Even gentle pets may bite or try to run away under stress.)
* Secure collars with up-to-date information
* Current photos in case pets are lost
* Food, water, bowls, cat litter pan and manual can opener
* Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior in case you have to foster or board your pets

**Checklist if you decide to stay at home rather than evacuate**

**To Do:**

Move valuables, personal papers, family photos and important computer disks that you  may not be able to take with you to a water proof container on the highest level of your home

**Clothes and Bedding Supplies:**

* Blankets/sleeping bags and pillows
* Complete change of clothes
* Extra socks
* Extra underwear
* Hat and gloves
* Rain gear
* Sturdy shoes or boots
* Sunglasses
* Thermal underwear

**Sanitation and Hygiene Supplies**

* A small shovel for digging a latrine
* Contact lens solutions
* Deodorants, sunscreen
* Disinfectant and household chlorine bleach
* Feminine supplies
* Heavy-duty plastic garbage bags and ties for personal sanitation uses
* Lip balm, insect repellent
* Medium-sized plastic bucket with tight lid
* Mirror
* Razor, shaving cream
* Shampoo, comb, and brush
* Toilet paper
* Tooth paste, toothbrushes
* Towelettes, soap, hand sanitizer
* Washcloth and towel

**Equipment and Tools**

* Assorted nails, wood screws, and rope
* Battery-operated travel alarm clock
* Chain saw and extra gas
* Compass
* Duct tape, masking tape, and scissors
* Flashlight and extra batteries
* Matches in a waterproof container (or waterproof matches)
* NOAA Weather Radio, if appropriate for your area
* Work gloves
* Plastic sheeting
* Pliers, screwdriver, hammer, crowbar
* Portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra batteries
* Shut-off wrench, shovel, and other tools
* Signal flare
* Tube tent
* Whistle

**Kitchen Items:**

* All-purpose knife
* Aluminum foil and plastic wrap
* Household liquid bleach to treat drinking water
* Manual can opener
* Mess kits or paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils
* Needles and thread
* Paper, pens, and pencils
* Resealable plastic bags
* Small canister, ABC-type fire extinguisher
* Small cooking stove and a can of cooking fuel
* Soap and liquid detergent
* Sugar, salt, pepper

**Food and Water That You Need With You**

* 3-day supply of non-perishable foods
* Canned or boxed juices, milk, and soup
* Cereals
* Cookies, hard candy
* High-energy foods such as peanut butter, jelly, low-sodium crackers, granola bars, and trail mix
* Instant coffee
* Powdered milk
* Ready-to-eat meats, fruits, and vegetables
* Special foods for infants or persons on special diets
* Water (3 gallons per person) in any clean containers—bathtubs, bottles, pots, etc. as the water supply may become contaminated