

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

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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

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- 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