



Home Kit

The first 7-10 days 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 7-10 days following a major emergency. 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 or Saw
- 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 or Thomas Guides
- Communication Kit (paper, pens/pencils, markers)
- 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 with sunscreen
- Flashlight & Batteries, Head lamp w/ batteries
- Garden Hose
- Goggles
- Heat Pak/Cold Pak
- Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil
- Household Bleach
- Leatherman / multi-use tool
- Light sticks
- Lip Balm
- Manual Can Opener
- Matches, water proof
- Medical Gloves
- Extra Clothes in bag
- Paper Towels or old towels
- Phone numbers of family members
- Plastic Bags
- Plastic Tarps
- Plates and Cups
- Prescription Meds
- Rain Poncho
- 50' Nylon Cord
- Shampoo & Comb
- Shovel
- Snacks
- Space Blanket, 1 per person
- 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, extra set
- Insurance Info, copies of drivers license, SS card
- Knife or Razor Blades
- Large Trash Bags
- Water Purification Kit
- Whistle & Small Mirror
- Window Replacement Supplies (Duct tape, plastic sheeting, staple gun, tarps)
- Work Gloves, leather

** 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 or Saw	Breakdown debris, create cribbing supplies, create fire wood
Bar of Soap	Personal hygiene
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 up mess
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 or Thomas guides	Need to navigate quickly and find alternate routes
Paper and pen	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. Head lamp with spare batteries are great for hands-free tasks.
Garden Hose	Siphoning and firefighting
Goggles	Protect eyes from dust and debris
Heat Pak/Cold Pak	Warmth/cool for injury treatment
Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil	Cooking, insulation over windows for warmth
Household Bleach	Purify water
Household Keys & Car Keys	Entry/locking home and car (hide-a-key)
Insurance Information, drivers License, SS card	Keep a duplicate copy with you in case you can't get back in your house. Identification.
Knife or Razor Blades	For cutting plastic sheeting, old clothes, etc...
Large/small Trash Bags	Storage of waste, use as a poncho, use as a pillow
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 from chapping and becoming painful
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
Extra 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 or 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 from rain and sun
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, keeps weather out
Work Gloves, leather	Protect hands from glass and other hazards

Include anything else that will make you more comfortable!