

GRAB & GO CHECKLIST



ABSOLUTE ESSENTIALS

If you have to leave your home in a hurry due to a winter storm, flood, fire or other disaster, it's important to take financial and legal documents along with other must-have items. Remember: If you become homeless, important documents can make it easier to apply for benefits and relocate or rebuild. Start with these emergency evacuation essentials:

- ☐ Prescription medications
- ☐ Insurance policies—originals or copies of homeowners or renters policies and policies for vehicles, life and other coverage. Make sure you have your insurance agent contact information.
- ☐ Photos of all family members and pets, in case you become separated
- ☐ Medical records detailing health conditions and immunizations
- ☐ Legal documents, including copies or originals of passports, birth certificates, wills, powers of attorney and medical directives
- ☐ Financial information, including account numbers and contact information for investment and banking accounts
- ☐ The key to your safe-deposit box, plus proof of ownership

You can create an emergency evacuation kit by compiling necessary items and storing them in a self-sealing plastic bag. Keep the bag in a fireproof box that is readily accessible and easy to carry in an emergency.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security recommends that you always have supplies on hand to survive for at least three days in an emergency. The department says in addition to a full kit at home, people should consider smaller, portable kits in their workplaces, vehicles or other places they spend time.

SURVIVAL SUPPLIES

Here's what Homeland Security recommends in a basic emergency supply kit:

- ☐ Water—one gallon per person per day, for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- ☐ Food—at least a three-day supply of nonperishables
- ☐ Radios—a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ First-aid kit
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Dust mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape—to help block contaminated air
- ☐ Garbage bags with ties, moist towelettes for personal sanitation
- ☐ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ☐ Can opener (if kit contains canned food)
- ☐ Local maps
- ☐ Prescription medications and eyeglasses
- ☐ Cell phone with inverter or solar charger

EMERGENCY EXTRAS

In addition Homeland Security recommends these items to consider in an emergency supply kit:

- ☐ Infant formula and diapers
- ☐ Pet food and extra water for your pet
- ☐ Emergency reference material such as a first-aid book
- ☐ A sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- ☐ A complete change of clothing
- ☐ Chlorine bleach and a medicine dropper, for disinfecting
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Matches in a waterproof container
- ☐ Personal hygiene items
- ☐ Mess kits, cups, plates, utensils, paper towels
- ☐ Paper and pencils
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles and other activities for children
- ☐ Cash or traveler's checks and change