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Get A Kit

Whether sheltering in-place or evacuating from your home or place of work, it is important to have essential items already prepared to either self-sustain at home or take with you to shelter. If you are sheltering in-place, each individual must plan to be self-sustaining for up to 72 hours, but in reality assistance may be available sooner.

Consider the following items when assembling a disaster kit:

- Toiletries
- Flashlight, portable radio, extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Prescription/life-sustaining medications (five to seven day supply)
- Non-perishable canned or packaged food and non-electric can opener
- Water (one gallon per person per day)
- Childcare items (food, diapers, etc.)
- Checkbook, cash, credit cards, ATM card
- Auxiliary medical equipment (i.e., oxygen, scooter battery, hearing aid)
- List of all emergency contacts, doctors, current medications
- Medical alert bracelet
- Portable cooler with ice
- Plastic garbage bags
- Plywood or other shuttering material for windows during storms

Consider these additional items in the event of an evacuation:

- Important papers (valid identification, proof of address, insurance policy, etc.)
- Sleeping bags, blankets, pillows
- Extra clothing, infant necessities, rain gear
- Rehabilitative and auxiliary devices (hearing aids, glasses, cane, walker, dentures)
- Sturdy/hard-soled shoes
- A cell phone with spare batteries

If you are evacuating, before you leave:

- Secure windows and shutters with plywood for storm emergencies
- Secure patio furniture

- Top-off car gas tank
- Turn off electricity at main switch
- Shut gas valve at the appliance, not the main
- Let friends, relatives or neighbors know where you are going