

Disaster Supply Checklist

While you can't always predict an emergency, such as a hurricane, you can always be prepared. Use the following checklist to ensure you're ready, and be sure to refresh your supplies of food and water every six months.

- Family Emergency Plan, including numbers to call and meeting places – visit <http://ready.adcouncil.org/beprepared/fep/index.jsp> to create your plan
- Cash – banks and ATMs may not be open for extended periods
- Water – at least one gallon per person for three to seven days
- Food – at least enough non-perishable food for three to seven days
- Water and food for pets
- Non-electric can opener, paper plates, plastic utensils
- Prescription medications and glasses
- Battery-powered radio and NOAA weather radio
- Blankets or sleeping bags, pillows
- Clothing – seasonal, rain gear/sturdy shoes
- First aid kit – medicines, prescription drugs
- Special items – for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries – hygiene items, moisture wipes, feminine supplies
- Flashlight and batteries
- Keys
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger
- Emergency reference material, such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities to entertain kids & family
- Bucket
- Duct tape
- Safety glasses & gloves (for removing debris)
- Disposable camera (for documenting damage)
- Freezer bags
- Sharpie marker

Store copies of these important documents in a fire- and waterproof container.

- Insurance papers
- Medical records
- Bank account numbers
- Social Security cards
- Deeds or mortgages
- Birth and marriage certificates
- Stocks and bonds
- Recent tax returns
- Wills