

Pack Your Go Bag

Keep your stocked go-bag(s) in a designated place, and ready for a quick exit. Since you don't know where you'll be when an emergency occurs, prepare supplies for home, work, and cars.



Emergency Items

- Cell Phone & Charger
- Flashlight
- Portable Radio
- Batteries
- Camera
- Computer & Power Cord
- Back-up Drive
- Matches
- Blankets

Wellness Items

- Prescriptions/EPI Pen
- Supplements/OTC Medications
- Glasses/Contact Lenses/Case
- First Aid Kit
- Analgesics
- Dentures
- Hearing Aids
- Insect Repellent/Sunscreen

Food & Water (4-7 Days)

- Water (1 gal/day p.p.)
- Ready-to-eat Food
- Hand-operated Can Opener
- Mess Kit (1 p.p.)

Baby Needs

- Formula
- Bottles
- Diapers/Wipes/Cream
- Analgesics

Pet Items

- Bowls
- Leash
- Food
- Waste Bags
- Toys
- Muzzle
- Blanket
- Medication

Documents* (In waterproof bag)

- Driver's License
- Marriage License
- Birth Certificates
- Passports
- Insurance Papers
- Will/Trust

Apparel

- Clothing (hot/cold)
- Sturdy Shoes
- Sleepwear
- Underclothing
- Socks
- Poncho

Valuables

- Heirlooms
- Keepsakes
- Jewelry
- Military Medals
- Photos*
- Family Bible

Hygiene

- Soap
- Towels
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shaving Kit
- Deodorant
- Feminine Supplies
- Hand Sanitizer
- Face Masks
- Disinfectant Wipes

Money

- Checkbook
- Purse/Wallet
- Debit/Credit Cards
- Cash/Coins
- Safe-deposit Box Key

Entertainment

- Toys
- Games
- Books
- Playing Cards
- Puzzles

Don't procrastinate! Take time to prepare your go-bag today. Update the contents at least twice each year for freshness and changes in needs.

* See other side for scanning tips

The Convenience of a Flash Drive

Flash drives are a compact and portable solutions for storing electronic copies of scanned documents and photos that are especially important to you. Investing the time now to collect these documents will give you peace of mind during an evacuation.



Identifying Documents

- Driver's License/Real ID
- School/Military ID
- Social Security Card
- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Marriage Certificate
- Divorce Records
- Passports
- Baptismal Certificate
- Permanent Resident Card
- Tribal Document
- Voter Registration Card
- Club Membership Card
- Fingerprint Cards

Insurance Documents

- Homeowner Policy
- Health Insurance Policy/Cards
- Auto Policy
- Umbrella Policy
- Long Term Health Care Policy
- Appraisal Documents

Financial Documents

- Tax Returns
- Bank/Investment Accounts
- Credit Card Statements
- Retirement Fund Statements
- Wills/Trusts
- Property Deeds
- Vehicle Titles

Valuables

- Itemized List with Values
- Comprehensive Video of Home Contents
- Photos of Jewelry
- Certificates of Authenticity
- Photos of Collectibles (Coins/ Stamps/Guns/Dolls, etc.)
- Photos of Antiques
- Photos of Art Collection
- Family Keepsakes (recipes, genealogy info)

Health Information

- Immunization Records
- Prescriptions/Dosage
- Eyeglass Prescriptions

If you're a business owner, you may also consider scanning some of the most important documents for your business: articles of incorporation, partnership agreements, payroll and financial records, insurance policies, customer/client lists.

Scanned documents are not legal replacements, but may make it easier to get replacements. After a natural disaster, government agencies and financial institutions are more likely to accept copies or scans.

Good Scanning and Storage Practices

- Scan at 300 d.p.i.
- Use black/white to reduce file size
- Scan files to a PDF; Avoid JPG files for documents
- Don't scan on a public device (library, office)
- Scan files directly to your flash drive
- Secure the files with a password, if the information is sensitive
- Store the flash drive in your go-bag or another handy location
- Store a copy with a trusted friend or relative who lives out of the area