



MUST-HAVE SUPPLIES

These are essential supplies that every home should have on hand in the event of a hurricane or other disaster. Keep them in large plastic bins that are easily accessible.

Remember to check the expiration dates on all food and medical supplies periodically and replace them as needed.

These supplies can be crucial for those who evacuate and those who stay in their homes or shelters.

- Water (one gallon per person per day for at least three days). Store in plastic containers.
- Canned meats, fruits, vegetables and soups
- Dried fruits and nuts
- Cereal, crackers and cookies
- Coffee, tea and powdered drinks
- Powdered, evaporated or boxed milk
- Staples (salt, spices, sugar, etc.) and condiments (packaged ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise)
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Baby food and/or formula
- First-aid kit
- Prescription drugs (two-week supply)
- Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever
- Anti-diarrhea medication and laxatives
- Antacid and activated charcoal
- Denture needs, extra pair of eyeglasses, contact lenses and supplies
- Toilet paper, towelettes, feminine supplies
- Anti-bacterial wipes
- Diapers and wipes
- Soap, liquid detergent and disinfectant
- Chlorine bleach, tincture of iodine, water purification tablets
- Plastic bucket with lid, ice chest

- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Flashlight
- Solar lights or glow sticks
- Cell phone with electric and car chargers
- Battery-operated radio, TV and clock
- Extra batteries and bulbs
- Cash or Travelers Checks, change
- Disposable gloves
- Dust masks
- Plastic garbage bags and ties
- Manual can-opener
- Utility knife
- Fire extinguisher (small canister ABC type)
- Tools, including shut-off wrench, pliers, nails, rope
- Outdoor extension cord
- Duct or masking tape
- Compass and Whistle
- Matches in waterproof container
- Aluminum foil
- Fuel for generators and cars in approved containers
- Sterno, propane gas, charcoal, lighter fluid
- Plastic storage containers
- Signal flare
- Paper, pencil, needles, thread
- Medicine dropper
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Camera and film/memory card
- Tent and plastic sheeting or tarps
- Map of the area (for shelter locations)
- One complete set of clothing per person, including hat, sturdy shoes, work boots, work gloves, rain gear
- Blankets or sleeping bag
- Inflatable floats (can be used as bedding or as an emergency flotation device)
- Sunglasses
- Copies of property, health, auto and life insurance policy information
- Current photos of family members and pets
- Copies of any other important documents