**PREPARING YOUR PETS**

- Make certain all your pets wear ID tags
  - Dogs and cats should wear collars
  - Birds can wear leg rings
- Tattoo or microchip your pet and register your pet's number with a tattoo or microchip registration service.
- Your pet's ID tag should include a friend or relative's phone number as well as yours.
- Keep a supply of write-on ID tags, in case you're evacuated. Make sure your pet is wearing a tag with its new address.
- Put a sign in your front & back windows indicating number and types of pets.
- Date the signs and keep up to date
- Have several close-up photos and a record of your pet's size, weight and special markings.
- Arrange for out of area friends to take in pets

**KIT FOR YOUR OFFICE**

- Keep a small pack in your desk drawer.
  - 1-2 boxes MREs
  - 3 boxes / bags water
  - Small first aid kit / tissues / wet wipes
  - Some money in small bills & quarters
  - Mylar blanket / Rain poncho
  - Small AM / FM radio
  - Solar-powered flashlight / light sticks
  - Pocket knife / multi-purpose tool

**ADDITIONAL TIPS**

**DON'T WAIT TO BUY SUPPLIES IN AN EMERGENCY THEY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE!**

- For items stored outside/in a garage:
  - Protect food from sunlight and heat/cold extreme temperatures
  - Use vermin-resistant containers
  - Put grains, rice, cereals and such into airtight containers
  - Buy nitrogen-gas packaged food products whenever possible
- Tarps and duct tape are must-have multi-functional items.
- Carry these Pocket Guides: Emergency Preparedness, Preparing for Pandemic Flu.

**Methods for Purifying Water**

*Water is the most important thing you need to survive.*

- Boil water (full, rolling boil) for 10 minutes.
- Use 10 drops of bleach per gallon of water; let sit for at least 30 minutes.

**GO KIT FOR YOUR CAR**

Keep these items in a duffle bag or plastic container in your car trunk. Try to have at least a 3 day supply per person.

**FOOD & WATER**
- Ready-to-eat meal packets
- Individually-packaged water
- Beverages in foil-lined boxes
- Trail mix & granola bars
- Crackers & cookies
- Instant packets of juice or sports drinks
- Chicken & beef bullion
- Instant coffee, tea bags
- Unscented household bleach to purify water

**FOOD PREPARATION & STORAGE**
- Mess kit (plate, knife, fork & spoon)
- Paper towels / Plastic resealable bags
- Knife & large spoon
- Liquid detergent

**CLOTHES & SHELTER**
- Long-sleeved pants / shirt / warm jacket
- Sturdy shoes and socks
- Sturdy work gloves
- Rain poncho / hat / scarf / umbrella
- Sunglasses
- Heat packs
- Blankets (mylar / cotton)
- Plastic ground cloth / tarps / sheeting
- Tube tent / Emergency sleeping bag

**PERSONAL HYGIENE**
- Toilet paper / Tissues / Feminine supplies
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Small bottles of liquid soap & shampoo
- Towel & washcloth
- Antibacterial hand wipes
- Comb, brush / razor
- Antibacterial ointment
- Antiseptic wipes / moistened towelettes
- Cleansing agent / soap
- Sunscreen & chap stick
- Waterless alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cold pack
- Sewing kit

**FIRST AID**
- Basic First Aid Kit
- Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever
- Anti-diarrhea medication
- Antacid (for stomach upset)
- Antihistamine
- Roll of throat lozenges

**Nonprescription Drugs**
- Prescription drugs / medication schedule
- Tetanus shot & vaccination records
- Insulin supplies
- Contact lenses & supplies / eyeglasses
- Denture needs
- Hearing aid batteries
- Medical records
- Extra house & car keys

**TOOLS**
- Small folding shovel
- Collapsible bucket
- 10’ 1/2” thick rope / 50’ 3/16” cord
- Fire starting kit
- Utility knife / Swiss Army Knife
- Crowbar
- Screwdrivers - phillips and flat head
- Pliers / folding saw / crescent wrench
- Compass / mirror
- Cigarette lighter / waterproof matches
- Duct tape / Garbage bags

**COMMUNICATION**
- Cell phone & phone card
- Cell phone charger (solar or crank)
- Battery-operated radio & extra batteries
- Flashlight (store batteries separately)
- Electronic (1) or flameless light sticks (12)
- LOTS of Batteries
- Paper, pencil, pen
- Maps
- Whistle
- Telephone numbers of relatives & friends

**GRAB & GO BAG**

Many items you might need in an emergency evacuation (such as a flood) shouldn’t be kept in your car because of heat.

Keep these items in a small bag you can grab on your way out the door.

If you have a cat or small dog, consider using a pet carrier as your go bag.

**General**
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- Tetanus shot & vaccination records
- Insulin supplies
- Contact lenses & supplies / eyeglasses
- Denture needs
- Hearing aid batteries
- Medical records
- Extra house & car keys

**Especially for Baby**
- Bottles / formula / powdered milk
- Prescription drugs / medication schedule
- Jars of baby food
- Diapers & wipes
- Blanket
- Extra clothing
- Small plush toy

**For Pets (see also PET KIT)**
- Canned food
- Fresh supply of any pet medications