

Disaster Preparedness

- Pick two places to meet:
 1. Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire.
 2. Outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home. Everyone must know the address and phone number.
- Ask an out-of-state friend to be your "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Other family members should call this person and tell them where they are. Everyone must know your contact's phone number.
- Discuss what to do in an evacuation. Plan how to take care of your pets. Plan who will provide extended daycare for your children.

Emergency Checklist

- Discuss what to do about power outages and personal injuries.
- Instruct household members to turn on the radio for emergency information.
- Learn how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches. (keep necessary wrench/tools nearby)
Important: if you turn utilities off, you may need utility company representative to turn it back on.

Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit

Assemble supplies you might need in an evacuation. Store them in an easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or duffle bag.

Include:

- A supply of water (one gallon per person per day 3/days). Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers (like 2 liter pop bottles). Identify the storage date and replace every six months.
- A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can opener.
- A battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.
- Hygiene supplies: toilet paper, towelettes, soap, personal hygiene supplies.
- Duct tape & garbage bags

Optional items are:

- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- A first aid kit and prescription medications.
- An extra pair of glasses.
- Credit cards and cash.
- An extra set of car keys.
- A list of important family information, including family physicians, the style and serial number of medical devices such as pacemakers.

If you make a decision not to include some of these optional items, attach this sheet to your emergency supply kit as a reminder of what to take when you evacuate.