This checklist should help you prepare for natural disasters and/or emergencies before they occur and includes general items you may want to include in your GO BAG (if you need to evacuate) or HOME KIT (if you are home and have to wait on emergency assistance after a natural disaster). Pack your HOME KIT with supplies for at least five days, so you and your family can be prepared with the necessary supplies to survive independently until you can receive emergency assistance. Also see the DISABILITY CHECKLIST, provided in the Be Prepared, Have a Plan: Emergency Preparedness Toolkit, for other items you might want to include in your GO BAG or HOME KIT.

**EMERGENCY ITEMS**

- Important documents (see IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST, included in the Be Prepared, Have a Plan: Emergency Preparedness Toolkit)
- Medications and extra medications
- Medical tags (bracelet / necklace / ankle bracelet)
- Water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Food (non-perishable)
- Food (special dietary needs)
- Can opener
- Flashlight or lantern (hand-crank or solar type; otherwise make sure you pack a supply of new batteries)
- Batteries: orthotics, hearing aids, cochlear implants
- Batteries: portable power banks and USB charger for computer, cell phones, tablets
- Extra batteries (variety of sizes)
- Chargers: phone / tablet (with car adapter)
- Blanket / sleeping bag
- Fire blanket and 12-volt blanket
- Evacuation chair (This should be requested as an accommodation and be part of your care plan, if you live or work in a multi-story building.)
- Face mask
- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit and first aid manual (replenish first aid kit annually)

- Whistle
- NOAA weather radio
- Download APPS on smart phone (NOAA / weather, compass, flashlight, GPS, etc.)
- Matches / lighters (in a waterproof container)
- Fire starter kit
- Wire saw
- Mess kit (portable silverware and cookware)
- Water purification filtering system
- Disposable gloves (sterile and non-sterile)
- Plastic sheeting and tape (hazardous material spills, etc.)
- Box of small garbage bags (for waste disposal) and zip lock bags (various sizes)
- Coffee can with cover for candles and matches (as a source of heat)
- Maps (local and state)

**TOILETRIES / PERSONAL HYGIENE**

- Soap
- Shampoo / conditioner
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, and denture supplies (adhesive, cleaner, and container)
- Deodorant
- Women: feminine products
- Men: razor / shaving cream

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

GENERAL CHECKLIST

TOILETRIES / PERSONAL HYGIENE (continued)

- Towel
- Comb, brush, hairdryer
- Fingernail clippers, file, tweezers
- Laundry detergent *(small package)*
- Wipes and hand sanitizer
- Paper towels and toilet paper *(5-day supply)*

CLOTHING / MISCELLANEOUS

- Change of clothes and shoes
- Gloves, heavy socks, winter boots
- Hand and feet warmers
- Rain gear, poncho, rubber boots
- Work boots
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Books, reading materials, games
- Notebook / paper and pencil / pen
- Extra set of keys *(car, house, etc.)*

HOME

- Collapsible escape ladder *(1 for each bedroom above the 1st floor)*
- Backup heat source
- Generator and/or alternate power source *(inverter, solar, or wind-powered)*
- Dual-sensor smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detector *(test every 6 months and replace batteries)*

MY CHILD

- Change of clothes for 5 days
- Formula
- Baby food and feeding utensils
- Child / baby toiletries *(soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste)*
- Diapers and wipes
- Child-size first aid kit, baby aspirin, etc.
- Toys and books
- Teething ring / pacifier

MY PET / SERVICE ANIMAL

- Leash / carrier or cage
- Food and bowl
- Water and bowl *(1 gallon per animal per day)*
- Medicine / first aid kit
- Blanket
- Dog: treats, toys, rawhide, or chew bones
- Cat: litter, scoop, and a portable clean litter box

Don’t forget!

When it’s time to change the clocks for Daylight Saving Time, go through your GO BAG and HOME KIT! Check to see if anything needs to be added or replaced.

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