

Public Service Announcement



Emergency Supply Kit

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Your Family Needs an Emergency Supply Kit September is National Preparedness Month

Everyone, regardless of where he or she lives, is urged to assemble an emergency supply kit. Emergency preparedness officials with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of Kentucky have produced a list of essential items for families to consider when they pack supplies.

Emergency Supplies Checklist

Recommended supplies to include in a basic kit:

- Water: one gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation
- Food: at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit including a three-day supply of prescription medications
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask or cotton t-shirt to help filter the air
- Moist towelettes for sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener (non-electric)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Sturdy shoes and extra clothing and blankets
- Three-day supply of pet food
- Cash

Storing these items in a clean, large garbage can with wheels makes it easy to handle in the event of an emergency.

Think about your family's unique needs. You may wish to pack diapers, infant formula, bottles, comfort items, books, paper, pens, and a deck of cards or other forms of entertainment. When you assemble your kit, consider putting together a spare kit for your car or your office.

Contact your local emergency management director for more information about an emergency preparedness kit for your home.