

HOME EMERGENCY SURVIVAL SUPPLIES

Every family should have personal emergency supplies kits.

Electrical, water, transportation, and other vital systems can be disrupted for several days or much longer in some places after a large earthquake or weather emergency. Emergency response agencies and hospitals could be overwhelmed and unable to provide you with immediate assistance. Providing first aid and having supplies will save lives, will make life more comfortable, and will help you cope after the next earthquake.

Having emergency supplies readily available can reduce the impact of an earthquake, winter storm, or other emergency on you and your family.

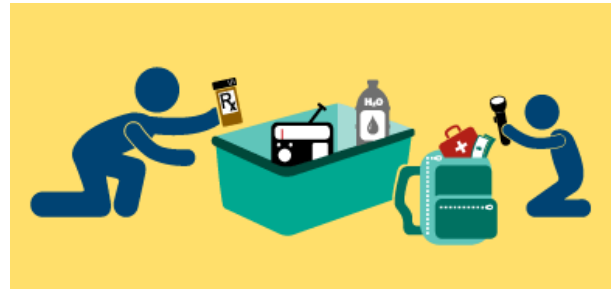
Organize disaster supplies in convenient locations.

Keep them where you spend most of your time, so they can be reached even if your building is badly damaged.

The kits will be useful for many emergencies.

Your emergency supplies kits should include food, water, flashlights, portable radios, batteries, a first aid kit, cash, extra medications, a whistle, fire extinguisher, see the list below.

Keep a large kit in your home, a smaller kit your car, also make a To Go Kit to take with you if you have to leave your home quickly. Backpacks or other small bags are best for your To Go Kit disaster supplies so you can take them with you if you evacuate.



Household emergency supplies kit

Make a supply of the following items to last at least 3 days and ideally for 2 weeks:

- Water (minimum one gallon a day for each person)
- Canned and packaged foods
- Cooking utensils, including a manual can opener
- Medicine
- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, hygiene products)
- Diapers and baby food, if needed
- Pet food and pet restraints
- Comfortable, warm clothing including extra socks
- Blankets or sleeping bags, and perhaps even a tent
- Copies of vital documents such as insurance policies
- Portable radio with extra batteries (or hand crank for charging)
- Additional flashlights or light sticks
- Wrenches to turn off gas and water supplies
- Work gloves and protective goggles
- Heavy duty plastic bags for waste, and to serve as tarps, rain ponchos, and other uses
- Outdoor cooking supplies and matches

Use and replace perishable items like water, food, medications and batteries on a yearly basis.

