

Preparing a Disaster Supply Kit

Having a disaster supply kit ready to take with you at a moment's notice ensures that you will have necessary supplies no matter how fast you may need to evacuate. Pack supplies in duffel bags or backpacks and keep them in a designated place. Your kit will also come in handy if you must take shelter in your home. This list will help ensure that your disaster supply kit includes all the essentials.

WATER

- Pack at least one gallon per person per day for at least three days.
- Store water in tightly sealed, nonbreakable plastic, fiberglass or enamel-lined metal containers.
- Change your water every six months.

FOOD

- Pack enough food to last each family member at least three days.
- Include canned and boxed foods because they require little preparation and stay good for long periods of time. Remember to bring a manual can opener or to buy food in self-opening cans.
- Pack foods in sealed metal or plastic containers.
- Replace foods every six months.

