

What to include in your **emergency** supply “**to-go**” kit

- Portable radio and extra batteries.
- Hygienic supplies: shampoo, soap, razors, toilet paper and feminine products.
- Disinfectant hand towels.
- First aid kit (w/pain medications).
- Cell phone charger (consider a solar charger).
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Up to \$200 cash.
- Two changes of clothes/socks/**pair of shoes**.
- Two towels and blankets.
- Medications in labeled baggies.
- Emergency information and contact numbers.
- Photocopies of your credit cards and your driver’s license.
- A number of bank checks.
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses.
- A whistle to signal for help.
- Can opener, paper towels and plastic utensils.
- Paper and pens.
- Matches in a weatherproof container.
- Packaged food/snack items/pet food.
- Spare set of car/house keys.

Suitcases (and pillow cases) can function as emergency supply kits as well, and can be used to provide more room for necessary items. Some suitcases have rollers that make it easier to take along with you.

Also, grab your computer or hard drive if you have time to do so. Leave your printer, as these are inexpensive to replace.

You should have provisions including non-perishable food that will last for at least a three-day period, or better still a week, including a gallon of water a day to drink per person.

If you have a portable oxygen concentrator or diabetic supplies, don't forget to take these along with you.

Do you own camping gear? Have it located where you could throw it into your car promptly: a tent, sleeping bags, cooking utensils, paper plates, matches, Zip-lock baggies, battery operated lanterns, an ice chest, a plastic tote container with extra clothing and miscellaneous items, rain gear, gas stove and propane.

Also include a pet carrier. Pet food and kitty litter for cats is also needed if you have a pet that must go with you when you evacuate from your home.

Always keep your gas tank at least half full, since loss of electricity means gas stations cannot pump gas. On red flag days, try to keep your tank full. Have a certified gasoline container handy for storing extra gas, but fill it only after arriving to your destination. Do not keep filled gas containers in your car, which can be hazardous.

You must obey California law regarding the proper transport of guns and ammunition.

Don't forget your wallet, passport and credit cards.

Should you be forced to evacuate immediately and haven't much time to gather your supplies, remember to take these crucial items, prescriptions and glasses, personal computer w/power cord, important papers/documents/contact numbers, a few irreplaceable heirlooms and memorabilia (if you must), cash and credit cards, pets and pet food.

Note: It takes time for evacuation centers to open, so it is essential to plan for enough supplies that you are self-contained for a minimum of three days.

Also, many shelters will not accept animals, so plan ahead where you could take your pet such as a kennel in an outlying township.

