

BUILD YOUR DISASTER EMERGENCY KITS

Building your family emergency kits is crucial. During emergencies, you may need to be on your own for a period of time. You may want to consider three types of kits: A Go-Bag, a Shelter-in-Place Kit, and a Pet Disaster Supply Kit.

Go-Bag

A Go-Bag is one that you would take with you in case of an evacuation. Go-Bags should be easily portable like a backpack or suitcase on wheels. Store it somewhere you can easily get to it.

Recommended items to consider including in your Go-Bag:

- Copies of your important papers in a waterproof bag.
- Extra set of car and house keys.
- External mobile phone battery pack or solar charger. Some hand-crank flashlights will also include a phone charger.
- Bottled water and snacks such as energy or granola bars.
- First-aid supplies, flashlight, and whistle.
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (with extra batteries, if needed).
- A list of the medications each member of your family needs and at least a 14-day supply of each medication.
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, wet cleansing wipes, and other items needed for personal sanitation.
- Contact and meeting place information for your family and a map of your local area.
- A stuffed animal or toy for your child and something to help occupy their time, like books or coloring books. If this includes a hand-held video game, make sure you have extra batteries.
- Rain ponchos.
- Escape Tool for your car.



List any other items for your family's particular needs. For suggestions on planning for people with disabilities or those with access and functional needs, see pages 13-14.

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Pet Disaster Supply Kit

Overlooking pets during a disaster can result in them being lost, injured, or worse. Ensure your pet has proper identification and consider having them micro-chipped. This will make it much easier to reunite them with you if you are separated during an emergency. If a family is going to evacuate, the family's pet should be evacuated too. You should identify ahead of time a place you can evacuate with your pet. Consider boarding facilities or veterinarians in Tewksbury or your designated evacuation location that shelter pets during emergencies. Also, designate a pet buddy, a friend or neighbor that can take care of your pet if you are unable to get to your house. As part of your pet plan, have a Pet Disaster Supply Kit.

Recommended items to consider including in your Pet Disaster Supply Kit:

- Pet medications
- Important documents, including vaccination records
- Pet-friendly soap
- First-aid supplies
- Strong leashes and collar/harness with ID tags
- Carriers to transport pets safely
- Current photos of pets (in case pets get lost)
- Pet food
- Drinking water (one gallon per pet per day, for up to seven days)
- Bowls
- Litter/pan
- Muzzle
- Manual can opener
- Toys

List any other items for your pet's particular needs.

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If you own horses, livestock, or poultry, you need to develop emergency evacuation plans for them also. See the "Plain Talk on Protecting Livestock" guide, available at http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/ah/prog/emergency_preparedness.html