 HOW TO BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

Get into the spirit of America's Prepare-A-Thon. Take action to prepare. Build an Emergency Kit. Since you do not know where you will be when an emergency occurs, prepare supplies for home, work, and vehicles.

Home: Your disaster supplies kit should contain essential food, water, and supplies for at least three days. Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept.

Work: You need to be prepared to shelter at work for at least 24 hours. Make sure you have food and water and other necessities like medicines in your kit. Also, be sure to have comfortable walking shoes at your workplace in case an evacuation requires walking long distances. Your kit should also be in one container and ready to “grab and go” in case you are evacuated from your workplace.

Vehicle: In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car. This kit should include:

- Jumper cables
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- First aid kit and necessary medications in case you are away from home for a prolonged time
- Food items containing protein such as nuts and energy bars; canned fruit and a portable can opener
- Water for each person and pet in your car
- AM/FM radio to listen to traffic reports and emergency messages
- Cat litter or sand for better tire traction
- Shovel
- Ice scraper
- Warm clothing
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Baby formula and diapers if you have a small child

For more information go to www.ready.gov/kit-storage-locations.

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