

Preparing for the disaster

FEMA strongly urges homeowners to maintain an emergency kit with enough supplies to sustain them for up to 72 hours following a disaster. Assemble it well in advance of an emergency and store it in an easily accessible location.

Here are some basics that officials say every disaster kit should contain:



1. First aid kit
2. Water (1 gallon per person per day)
3. Knife
4. Multitool
5. Flashlight and extra batteries
6. Matches in waterproof container
7. Can opener
8. Local maps
9. Carrying container (unused trashcan, backpack, duffel bag, rubbermaid-style bin)
10. Dust mask
11. Duct tape
12. Whistle
13. Garbage bags, ties and moist towelettes
14. Three-day supply of nonperishable food
15. Wrench or pliers
16. Plastic sheeting
17. Battery-powered or hand-cranked NOAA weather radio

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