

Emergency Evacuation Tips

In the event of an evacuation, it's important to grab all the right items quickly. Worst case scenario, you'll want to be nimble and be prepared to take care of yourself, your loved ones, and your pets. First and foremost, don't forget to keep proof of residency and identification close, as there are often situations that pop up where you need to have that proof.

In addition to the obvious items, there are some not so obvious items you'll want to grab to make it easier once you've been displaced. To see more information, click the link provided:

1. Three-day supply of nonperishable **food** and three gallons of **water** per person.
2. At least one change of **clothes, vitamins** and extra **eyeglasses** or contact lenses.
3. Prescription **medications**, first aid kit, primary care **physician** and specialist contact information.
4. Birth **certificates**, car **titles** and gas or water **bills** in your name.
5. Home, auto, flood, motorcycle, boat and RV **insurance records** and other crucial paperwork. In addition to hardcopies, keep a digital copy of the files, either on a hard drive or in cloud storage.
6. **Irreplaceable** family photos, jewelry, or heirlooms and other important items.
7. Computers and **electronic devices**, as well as their chargers.
8. **Pets:**
 - a. Carrier, food, food bowls, water, water bowls, litter and litter box for cats, leashes.
 - b. Medication and health/vaccination records.
 - c. Instructions on your pets feeding schedule and special needs.

Quick Preparation Tips

1. Take **video** of the interior of your home, including the garage, before leaving.
2. **Fuel** up. Keep the family car topped off with gas to avoid any delays.
3. Go to the ATM. **Cash** is key after emergencies. Keep your **credit cards** handy, too
4. **Call** your insurance company – there may be coverage to put you up in a hotel or another location out of harm's way.
5. Inform loved ones of your next steps and potential evacuation plan.

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