

5 steps for disaster prep

PREPARING FOR A DISASTER



Advance planning can save lives and protect property in the event of a disaster. Below you will find a list of tips to help you and your family prepare now, before a catastrophe strikes. When developing your disaster plan, please remember that safety always comes first.

1 Plan an evacuation route

It is critical to prepare an evacuation route in advance of a disaster, as it may be too late to do so once an impending threat is announced.

- Identify possible evacuation routes outside your neighborhood, taking into account the types of threats that may arise.
- Designate a destination for all family members to meet. Our meeting place is _____
- Map out an evacuation route to your meeting place, ensuring your entire family is familiar with the route.
- Estimate the amount of gas your vehicle(s) will need to reach the meeting place. Remember that gas stations may be closed during emergencies.

When an evacuation becomes necessary, local officials will likely provide information to the public through the media. Pay attention to news and weather reports, and be aware of what is going on around you. Please heed evacuation warnings when they are given.

2 Designate a contact person

Identify an individual that you and your family can contact regarding your whereabouts after a disaster. This is especially helpful if you and your family members are separated during the disaster.

Central contact's name: _____

Central contact's home phone number: _____

Central contact's cell phone number: _____

It may be easier to communicate with your family members and your contact person after a disaster by using your cell phone's text messaging capabilities. Telecommunications networks tend to be strained in emergency situations, and making voice-to-voice contact may be difficult. Make sure everyone in your family knows how to send and receive text messages.

3 Prepare a survival kit

A survival kit may be useful for all types of emergencies, from a simple power outage to a catastrophic storm. If a disaster strikes, you may need to leave your home sooner than you anticipated, so it is important to have your kit readily available.

Your survival kit should include:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned food (3 – 7 day supply) | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water (3 – 7 day supply; 1 gallon, per person, per day) | <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can opener | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Portable radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance policy |

Store data electronically

Important personal documents can help you reestablish your life after a disaster. Consider storing digital copies of the following on a password-protected flash drive and keeping it with your survival kit:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wills, trusts, deeds | <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Titles | <input type="checkbox"/> Account numbers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal & family records, including medical records | <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of licenses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & financial documents | <input type="checkbox"/> Home inventory |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Pictures of your home & belongings |



You could also include on your flash drive items that are not essential but have sentimental value (e.g., family photographs, music).

In addition, you should list below the specific needs of infants, elderly, individuals with special needs, and pets.

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4 Review your insurance policy

Review your homeowner's policy annually, and speak with your insurance agent to make sure you have the right types of coverage and the right amount of coverage. Many insurance policies do not cover flood damage. If you live in a flood-prone area, you may want to ask your agent about flood insurance.

I reviewed my policy on ____/____/____ with

The updates I made are:

5 Create a home inventory

Create a written inventory of the items in your home, store it on a password-protected flash drive or disk, and update it periodically, especially as you make large purchases.

Make sure to include:

- A list of your contents
- When they were purchased
- What you paid for them

It may also be useful to take photographs of each room in your home and include them on the flash drive or disk along with your written inventory.

For tools to help you create an inventory, please visit the Tips and Info section of our Prepare and Prevent website:
<http://www.travelers.com/prepare-prevent/home-property/tips.aspx>

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