A Preparedness Resource from The Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management

AT-A-GLANCE: BUILD A KIT - HOUSEHOLD



- Water (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation)
- Food (at least a several-day supply of nonperishable food)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- □ Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Manual can opener (for food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

Maintaining Your Kit

After assembling your kit remember to maintain it so it's ready when needed

- □ Keep canned food in a cool, dry place
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers
- Replace expired items as needed
- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change

Kit Storage Location

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.

Additional Emergency Supplies

Ready

- Masks (for everyone ages 2 and above), soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes to disinfect surfaces
- Prescription medications
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Prescription eyeglasses and contact lens solution
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes and diaper rash cream
- D Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
- □ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
- □ Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- □ Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils





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