

Prepare a Go-Bag for Evacuation

It is important to have a go-bag ready when there is an emergency that requires you to leave your home. This could be for a variety of reasons: flooding, a chemical spill, prolonged electricity outage, etc. We recommend that you pack the following items in a backpack or small suitcase that you can easily grab and take with you in case of emergency. We also recommend you identify a meeting place for your household members in case of evacuation.



Pack items you do not use everyday or have duplicates of:

- Pain Reliever (ex. ibuprofen, acetaminophen)
- Over-the-counter medications you frequently take (ex. antihistamines)
- Neosporin, for cuts
- Band-aids of assorted sizes
- Antiseptic wipes or a small bottle of rubbing alcohol
- Sterile saline eye drops, if something gets in your eye
- Cotton balls or gauze pads
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Cash, if the power is out credit cards and ATM cards may not work
- Bottled water and ready-to-eat foods (ex. cereal bars, nuts)
- A small map of your area, in case of internet disruption
- Personal care items (ex. hand sanitizer, feminine products, toothbrush, toothpaste)
- Child care supplies
- Photo copies of important documents (ex. insurance cards, photo IDs, deeds, proof of address, other insurance information)
- Contact information for members of your support network (alternate housing)

Not everything that is important to bring with you can be put aside ahead of time. Grab these items and put them in your go-bag on your way out:

- Phone and charger
- Prescription-medications
- Driver's license and wallet (credit and ATM cards)
- House and car keys
- Passport
- Clothing for three days, considering weather (ex. water-proof jackets, boots)