



Backpack Emergency Kit

When a tornado or other emergency occurs, you may not be at home. Keeping these items in your car will make you more comfortable and help you be prepared for the hectic hours ahead. They're also useful during non-emergency situations!

Emergency Supplies to Keep in Your Car

Get a backpack. Print out this list and keep it in your wallet or purse. Add items to your kit as you obtain them...Stay safe!

List and Explanation of Items

Flashlight & Batteries	Power may be out. Keep the batteries in their original package and replace before the expiration date
Light sticks	In case batteries don't work...light sticks give up to 12 hours of light
Toilet Paper	In case you're stranded!
Toothbrush & Paste	You may not get home for a while
Shampoo & comb	If you have the opportunity to freshen up
Deodorant	Aid comfort in stressful situations
Space Blanket	Light weight, compact, will keep you warm
Heat Pak	Warmth or injury treatment
Manual Can Opener	To open canned food
Swiss Army Knife	Multi use tool for most situations
First Aid Kit	Treat minor injuries
Medical Gloves	Bacteria protection while giving first aid
First Aid Book	Assist with first aid treatment
Antibacterial Wipes	Keep hands clean and conserve water
Dollars & Quarters	ATMs may not work. Businesses can require cash payments and have minimal change
Prescription Medications	Pay phones will be useable before residential phones
Insurance Information	Keep at least a three day supply with you
Phone Numbers	Keep a duplicate copy with you in case you can't get back in your house
Dust Mask (N95)	Out of area contact who can relay information to other family members. Local area codes will be blocked. School emergency contact numbers.
Work Gloves	Minimize inhaling dust after an earthquake Shoes Protect feet from broken glass, nails, etc.
Old Clothes	Protect hands from glass and other hazards
Goggles	Comfort and protection from elements
Matches	Protect eyes from dust and debris
Whistle	Not to be used if natural gas is present. Cooking fires, lanterns
Water	Provide a means to call for help
Battery Radio	At least one gallon in your car...replace every 6 months
Snacks	Keep informed when power is out and you leave your car
Lip Balm	Provide nourishment while trying to get home
Rain Poncho	Keep lips healthy
Upset Stomach Meds	Protection from rain
Vitamin C	Relief in case you eat bad food or water
Tissue	Promote health in stressful situations
Eyeglasses	Multi use product
Family Photo	Keep an old pair of glasses available in case yours are lost or damaged
Plastic Bags	Help other to locate your family members
	Disposal of waste products

Include anything else that will make you more comfortable!