

In case you and your family have to leave your home in a hurry because of a fire, flood, tornado, or hurricane, create a 'grab and go' kit. Keep it in a place you can easily reach before you go to a shelter in an emergency.

See below a list of items to pack in a bag or backpack to create your kit. These items will be important to keep with you until you start the recovery process.

Place documents in a waterproof bag to prevent damage if they are exposed to water.



Grab-N-Go Kit

- Current photos of all family members in case you are separated and need help to find each other.
- Copy of driver's license, current photo identification, or passport.
- List of phone numbers of important contacts, including those of family members, that you may need to call once you reach a safe location.
- Supply of current medications for each family member that covers five to seven days. The medications in the bag or backpack should be checked and updated every month.
- Cash (no large bills) in a waterproof case that is a minimum of \$200. Remember to still grab your wallet with credit and bank cards as you leave during an emergency.
- Large package of moist towelettes.
- Masks for each family member. Shelters will get crowded and masks help prevent the spread of viral infections.
- Portable and powerful LED flashlight, preferably with flashing ability as a means to signal for help.
- Phone charger and battery backup.
- Thumb drive for storage of important documents that you will need to apply for [FEMA assistance](#).

If there is still space in the bag or backpack, add some family photos, a favorite toy/stuffed animal for the children, and other important personal items. Do not overload the bag or backpack. Make sure that it is not too heavy to carry.