March Disaster Preparedness Emergency Kit



Family Disaster Supplies

The Family Disaster Supplies Calendar is intended to help you prepare for disasters before they happen. Using the calendar, your family can assemble an emergency kit in small steps over a six month period. Check off each week as you gather the contents. Supplies may be stored all together in a large plastic garbage can or food may be kept on kitchen shelves. Remember to rotate your perishable supplies and change water every six months.

Grocery Store 1 gallon of water* 1 jar peanut butter* ■ 1 large can juice* 1 can meat* ■ Hand-operated can opener ■ Instant coffee, tea, powdered soft drinks ■ Permanent marking pen to mark date on cans (remember 1 gallon of water for each pet) Also: pet food, diapers, and/or baby food, if needed Make a family plan Date each perishable food item using a marking pen.

Week 1

We	eek 2 Hardware Store
0000	Crescent wrench Heavy rope Duct tape 2 flashlights with batteries "Bungee" cords
	o: a leash or carrier for your if needed.
<u>To</u>	<u>Do:</u> Check your house for hazards
0	Locate your gas meter and water shutoffs and attach a wrench near them.

Suggested Foods

Select based on your family's needs and preferences. Pick low-salt, water-packed varieties when possible.

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Canned Meat	Tuna, chicken, raviolis, chili, beef stew, spam, corned beef, etc.
Vegetables	Green beans, kernel corn, peas, beets, kidney beans, carrots, etc.
Fruit	Pears, peaches, mandarin oranges, applesauce, etc.
Cereal	Cheerios, Chex, Kix, Shredded Wheat, etc.
Quick Energy Snacks	Granola bars, raisins, etc.

In Case of evacuation, your "Go-Pack" should:

- Be in a back pack of other similar container that is easily carried
- Contain your most important items such as a change of clothes, quarters for pay phones, out-of-state contact information, medications, important papers, etc.

W	eek 3 Grocery Store			
	1 gallon of water*			
	1 can meat*			
	1 can fruit*			
	Sanitary napkins			
	Video tape			
(ren	member 1 gallon of water for			
each pet)				
Also: pet food, diapers, and/or				
baby food if needed.				
To	Do:			
	Use a video camera to			
	tape contents of your			
	home for insurance			
	purposes.			
	Store video tape with			
	friends/family member			
	who live out of town			

We	eek 4 Hardware Store	
ו ם	Plumber's tape	
	Crowbar	
	Smoke detector with	
	battery	
	o: extra medications or a	
prescription marked "emergency		
use	," if needed	
To	<u>Do</u> :	
	Install or test your smoke	
	detector	
	Tie weten bestende well	
	Tie water heater to wall	
	studs using plumber's tape	
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^{*} Purchase for each member of family