GET AHEAD OF WHAT'S AHEAD.

TEXAS READY

Be Informed. Make a Plan. Build a Kit. **#TexasReady**

In Texas, natural and man-made disasters can happen anytime and anywhere. While all disasters are unpredictable, you don't have to be unprepared.



BE INFORMED

Whether a natural or man-made disaster, know the potential hazards that are near you and how to best prepare.

- Check your weather apps, local TV news, and radio stations for emergency weather information.
- Know the difference between a watch and a warning. A watch means dangerous conditions are possible. A warning means dangerous conditions are about to happen; seek shelter now.
- Be informed about risks around the community such as industrial plants, transport routes for hazardous materials and more.



MAKE A PLAN

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it's important to make a plan and practice in advance.

- **Emergency Contacts:** People to call to help you reunite with your family and stay informed about your situation.
- **Meeting Places:** Places near home and/or out-of-town to meet up with your family if you're separated or cannot return to your home.
- **Evacuation Plan:** If you are told to leave home, know possible evacuation routes and how to turn off your home's utilities.
- **Children:** Make sure they know the plan and emergency contacts.
- **Elderly and People with Functional and Access Needs:** Plan for the health and safety needs of these individuals.
- **Pets:** Make sure you have what you need to keep track of and care for your pet.

Once you have a plan, practice it. Involve your family so they know what to do, where to meet and whom to contact, and how.



BUILD A KIT

Gather and prepare supplies that your family and pets will need if you must evacuate or shelter-in-place.

Evacuation Bag:

Consider packing the following items in an easy to carry container such as a backpack. You'll need to pack items you will not have access to in a shelter or alternate location.

- **Water bottle and snacks** (for travel needs)
- **Medications**
- **Passport, driver's license, or other government-issued ID**
- **Important documents** (medical insurance cards, birth certificates, other documents not easily replaced)
- **Flashlight**
- **Batteries**
- **Toothbrush/toothpaste**
- **Road map (if driving)**
- **Pet collar and leash**
- **Photos of family members** (for identification purposes)
- **Essential clothing**

Shelter-in-Place Supplies:

To shelter in place, build your kit to survive for up to 72 hours. It may take rescuers 3 days to reach you. Consider keeping the following items on hand in a sturdy, waterproof container. Be sure to review your shelter-in-place kit at least once a year to replace expired items.

- **Non-perishable food**
- **Water**
- **Pet food**
- **Manual can opener**
- **Toilet paper**
- **Bleach**
- **Medications**
- **First aid kit**

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BUILD YOUR DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

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Build your kit all at once or step by step. Start with what you already have at home; then shop for the rest, as needed.

Pack these basic supplies for each person or pet in a portable container or backpack. A waterproof container is best. You'll need these supplies whether you stay in your home (shelter in place) or evacuate to another location.



FOOD AND WATER

- [ ] 3-day supply of non-perishable food, such as canned or pouched food
- [ ] 1 gallon of water per day for each person and pet
- [ ] Manual can opener
- [ ] Baby items (baby food, formula, bottles, diapers)
- [ ] Pet supplies (listed on next page)



FIRST AID, MEDICATION, HYGIENE SUPPLIES

- [ ] First-aid kit (listed on next page)
- [ ] Medications
- [ ] Hand sanitizer, wipes
- [ ] Bleach (To purify water, mix 1/8 teaspoon per gallon. Stir and let stand for 30 minutes.)
- [ ] Toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags
- [ ] Dental care products (toothpaste, toothbrushes)
- [ ] Hearing and vision products (hearing aids and batteries, glasses, contact lenses, contact lens solution, sunglasses)
- [ ] Soap, shampoo, personal hygiene supplies
- [ ] Sunscreen, insect repellent
- [ ] Face masks to filter air



COMMUNICATION, LIGHTING, DOCUMENT BAG ITEMS

- [ ] Battery-powered radio with extra batteries or crank radio (emergency alert radio is best)
- [ ] Extra cell phone battery and car charger
- [ ] Flashlights and extra batteries
- [ ] Matches and lighter - keep in a waterproof container or sealable plastic bag
- [ ] Whistle
- [ ] Document bag items (listed on next page)

You may have to leave in a hurry to get to a safe place. Keep these supplies near your car. When it's time, grab them and go.



ADD THESE ITEMS FOR EVACUATING BY CAR

- [ ] Road maps
- [ ] Car repair items (tools, spare tire, tire patch kit, oil)
- [ ] Food and water
- [ ] Plastic plates, cups and utensils
- [ ] Tent, blankets, pillows
- [ ] Clothes and sturdy shoes
- [ ] Rain gear and towels
- [ ] Books, games, toys

Before you leave home

- [ ] Fill your gas tank, and check your spare tire
- [ ] Take cash, checkbook, and credit cards
- [ ] Call your family emergency contact
- [ ] Charge your mobile phone
- [ ] Get a map of your route

When staying home is your safest choice, add these items to your kit and stay tuned to the news.



ADD THESE ITEMS FOR SHELTERING IN PLACE

- [ ] Water
- [ ] Non-perishable food and manual can opener
- [ ] Pet food
- [ ] Baby food
- [ ] Fire extinguisher
- [ ] Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to seal doors, windows and air vents from contaminated air or to build an emergency shelter)

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DOCUMENT BAG CONTENTS

Imagine how hard it would be after a disaster if you couldn't prove your identity or have access to your bank account. Avoid difficult situations by making copies of important documents and keeping them in a waterproof bag.

- [ ] Current photo IDs, driver licenses, birth records, Social Security cards, passports (always keep your Social Security number separate from other documents to decrease risk of identity theft)
- [ ] Current photos of family members in case you get separated
- [ ] Health insurance and prescription cards
- [ ] Medical records, medications and dosages
- [ ] Phone numbers (family, friends, doctors)
- [ ] Bank account information
- [ ] Wills
- [ ] Insurance documents (homeowner, renter, flood, life)
- [ ] Property deeds, leases, mortgages
- [ ] Vehicle titles, insurance, leases, loan documents
- [ ] Inventory of household possessions and their value (take photos of every room, every drawer, every closet)
- [ ] Backup computer files (on a USB drive)
- [ ] Copies of important keys
- [ ] Utility bills (to prove where you live)

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THOSE WITH ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS

Think about your day-to-day needs for independence. Plan now for your health away from home. Label medical equipment with your contact information.

- [ ] Wheelchairs, walkers, and canes
- [ ] Cooler with cold packs for medications
- [ ] Extra medications and dosages
- [ ] Copies of prescriptions and medical alert tags
- [ ] Food for special diets
- [ ] Medical supplies (oxygen, glucose monitoring strips, syringes, etc.)
- [ ] Hearing aids with extra batteries
- [ ] Communication devices
- [ ] Supplies and documentation for service animals

FIRST-AID KIT CONTENTS

- [ ] 2 compress dressings (5 x 9 inches)
- [ ] 25 band-aids (different sizes)
- [ ] First-aid tape
- [ ] Antibiotic ointment
- [ ] Hydrocortisone ointment
- [ ] Pain reliever, such as aspirin, ibuprofen or acetaminophen
- [ ] Instant cold pack
- [ ] 2 pair of medical gloves (non-latex)
- [ ] Oral thermometer, scissors, tweezers
- [ ] 2 roller bandages (different widths)
- [ ] 2 elastic bandages
- [ ] 10 sterile gauze pads (different sizes)
- [ ] 2 triangular bandages (for making slings)
- [ ] First-aid instruction booklet

PET SUPPLIES

- [ ] 3-day supply of food, water, and bowls
- [ ] Pet medications and first-aid kit
- [ ] Vaccination records
- [ ] Crate or carrier (may be required in shelters or where you spend the night)
- [ ] Leash and toys
- [ ] Cat litter and box
- [ ] Photo, in case pet gets lost