



Emergency Go-Bag Checklist

Emergencies can happen without warning—from severe weather to power outages to evacuation orders. Staying prepared means having essential supplies ready to go at a moment's notice. A **well-stocked go-bag** ensures you have what you need if you must leave home quickly or shelter somewhere else. The Federal Emergency Management Agency suggests packing these items and other supplies in airtight plastic bags and stored in a larger tote or duffel bag¹:

- Cell phone with charger and backup battery (or solar charger)
- Masks, soap, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes
- Emergency contacts – include phone numbers for your primary care physician, pharmacist, and pet's veterinarian
- Important documents – copies of ID, insurance policies, and bank records, stored electronically or in a waterproof container
- Hearing aids, medical alert device, prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses and solution
- Water – at least 1 gallon per person and per pet per day
- Food – several days' supply of non-perishable food (and pet food)
- Can opener – manual or multi-tool
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert is best)
- Prescription and non-prescription medications (for you and your pet)
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit – basic supplies for minor injuries
- Whistle or other signal device
- Moist towelettes, wipes, zip-top bags for sanitation
- Thermal or survival blanket
- Cash or pre-paid debit cards



Tip: Review your go-bag every year to replace expired food, update medications, and refresh contact information.

Preparedness gives you peace of mind. You can't predict every situation, but you can feel confident knowing your essentials are ready when you need them.