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A complete kit should include enough food, water, and emergency supplies to last everyone in your household at least three days. It should also be portable in case you need to evacuate.

- ☐ Water (1 gallon per person per day)
- ☐ Non-perishable food and non-electric can opener
- ☐ Battery powered radio and extra batteries
- ☐ Flashlights (one per person) and extra batteries
- ☐ First aid kit, including manual
- ☐ Prescription medications
- ☐ Spare eyeglasses
- ☐ Whistle to signal for help
- ☐ Dust mask to filter contaminated air
- ☐ Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place
- ☐ Personal sanitation items (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc.)
- ☐ Toilet paper and garbage bags for waste
- ☐ Tool kit, including wrench to turn off utilities
- ☐ Heavy gloves for clearing debris
- ☐ ABC fire extinguisher
- ☐ Cooking/eating necessities, including cups, plates, utensils, and paper towels
- ☐ Local maps
- ☐ Cash (small bills and change)
- ☐ Copies of important family documents
- ☐ Food, water, and supplies for pets

Pets Need Protection Too!

Take steps now to protect ALL members of your family, including your pets. Their safety is in your hands.

Step 1: Arrange a Safe Haven

If you have to evacuate, don't leave pets behind. If it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for them.

- Check local animal shelters to see if they provide foster care or emergency shelter.
- Make a list of boarding kennels and pet friendly hotels/motels outside your immediate area.
- Identify friends or relatives near your home and outside your area who will take in your pets if necessary.
- Designate a permanent caregiver who will adopt your pet if something happens to you. Choose someone your pet is comfortable with and who has successfully cared for animals in the past.



Step 2: Store Emergency Supplies

Put together a pet disaster kit that's clearly labeled and easy to carry. Kit items to consider include the following:

- Food and water (minimum 3 days; 1 gallon of water per pet per day); feeding dishes
- Pet medications (2-week supply) stored in waterproof container; first-aid kit/manual
- Pet care information, including medical conditions, feeding schedules, behavior issues, and veterinarian contact information
- Copies of medical records and license documents
- Recent photos of you with your pet (for identification if you're separated)
- Extra collar or harness with pet ID tag and extra leash
- Crate or sturdy carrier (one per pet)
- Blankets or towels for bedding
- Litter box, litter, or crate liners
- Disposable garbage bags

For more information:
aspc.org hsus.org/pets
ready.gov redcross.org

