

Home Emergency Preparedness Checklist



A little planning now makes any emergency easier to handle.

1 Build Your Emergency Kit

- ☐ **Water**
At least 1 gallon per person per day, for 3 days or more.
- ☐ **Food**
A 3-day supply of non-perishable food, plus a manual can opener.
- ☐ **Light and power**
Flashlights, extra batteries, a power bank, and a battery or hand-crank radio.
- ☐ **First aid and medicines**
A stocked first aid kit, plus any essential prescriptions your family needs.

2 Make a Family Plan

- ☐ **Pick meeting places**
One near your home and one outside your neighborhood.
- ☐ **Share contact info**
Write down key numbers and name an out-of-area contact.
- ☐ **Know your evacuation routes**
Map at least two ways out of your neighborhood.
- ☐ **Plan for pets and special needs**
Include food, medicine, carriers, and any medical or mobility equipment.

3 Check Home Safety

- ☐ **Smoke and CO detectors**
Test them monthly and replace batteries yearly.
- ☐ **Fire extinguisher**
Keep one in the kitchen and know how to use it.
- ☐ **Utility shutoffs**
Know how to turn off water, gas, and electricity.
- ☐ **A safe spot for storms**
Pick an interior room or basement for tornadoes and severe weather.

4 Protect Your Documents

- ☐ **Copy key papers**
IDs, insurance policies, mortgage and deed, and medical information.
- ☐ **Store them two ways**
A waterproof, fire-resistant container plus a secure digital copy.
- ☐ **Keep a home inventory**
Photos or video of each room and your belongings.
- ☐ **Keep emergency cash**
Small bills, since cards and ATMs may not work in an outage.

5 Review Insurance and Finances

- ☐ **Read your homeowners policy**
Know what's covered and what your deductible is.
- ☐ **Ask about flood coverage**
Flood damage is typically not covered by a standard homeowners policy.
- ☐ **Keep your agent's number handy**
Know how to file a claim quickly.
- ☐ **Tell your mortgage servicer about damage**
If your home is damaged, let them know so they can explain your options.

6 Stay Informed

- ☐ **Sign up for local alerts**
Check your city or county emergency notification system.
- ☐ **Get a weather radio**
A NOAA Weather Radio works when other services are down.
- ☐ **Prepare before storms**
Charge your phone and power bank, and fill your gas tank.
- ☐ **Use generators safely**
Run them outdoors, away from windows and doors. Never in a garage.

Be ready for whatever comes.

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