Your Family Disaster Supplies & Preparedness Calendar

The Family Disaster Supplies & Preparedness Calendar is intended to help you take appropriate preparedness actions and create a 3–7 day disaster supply kit before the next emergency happens. Using the calendar, your family can assemble an emergency kit in small steps over a six month period. Check off each of the items you collect or the actions you take during the week. Supplies may be stored all together in a large plastic garbage can with wheels, putting the heavy items at the bottom. When medical supplies, flashlights and emergency items are placed near the top, they can be located quickly for inspecting and restocking. Remember to rotate your perishable supplies and change water every six months. **Review this calendar every six months.** For example, each time you change your clock, review this list.

Note: You should store 1–2 gallons of water per person for each day. This water is for consumption and sanitation. For this reason the calendar repeats the need to purchase water several times.

### MONTH ONE

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<td>- plumber's tape</td>
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<td>- 1 jar peanut butter*</td>
<td>- heavy rope</td>
<td>- 1 can meat*</td>
<td>- crow bar</td>
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<td>- 1 large can juice*</td>
<td>- duct tape</td>
<td>- 1 can fruit*</td>
<td>- smoke detector with battery</td>
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<td>- hand-operated can opener</td>
<td>- 2 flashlights with batteries</td>
<td>- sanitary napkins</td>
<td>- tarp</td>
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<td>- instant coffee, tea, powdered soft drinks</td>
<td>- bungee cords</td>
<td>- video tape</td>
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<td>- permanent marking pen to mark date on cans &amp; bottled water</td>
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### To Do

- Establish an out-of-state contact to call in case of disaster.
- Prepare a list of important phone numbers: out-of-state contact, physicians, veterinarian, family, creditors, insurance, etc.
- Make a family plan. Follow the information from the Workbook or Red Cross brochures.
- Check your house for hazards. Follow the Reduce Hazards Booklet or Red Cross brochures.
- Identify which hazards you will reduce first.
- Locate your gas meter and water shutoffs and attach the proper tool near each.
- Obtain a collar-tag or microchip for your pet for emergency identification.
- Use a video camera to tape the contents of your home for insurance purposes.
- Store video tape with friend/family member who lives out of town.
- Investigate home/rental insurance.
- Date each can of food using a marking pen.
- Install or test your smoke/fire/carbon monoxide detector. Replace batteries.
- Tie water heater to wall studs. Follow the diagrams in the Reduce Hazards booklet.

* Purchase one item per person
MONTH TWO

Week Five
Grocery Store
- □ 1 gallon of water*
- □ 1 can meat*
- □ 1 can fruit*
- □ 1 can vegetables*
- □ 2 rolls toilet paper*
- □ extra toothbrush*
- □ personal hygiene items: toothbrush, comb, etc.
- □ travel size tooth paste

Also: special food for special diets.

To Do
- □ Have a fire drill at home.
- □ For pets, ask veterinarian about appropriate size container for evacuating. (Vets may have info on used containers.)

Week Six
First Aid Supplies
- □ aspirin and/or acetaminophen
- □ compresses
- □ rolls of gauze or bandages
- □ first aid tape
- □ adhesive bandages in assorted sizes
- □ cold packs

Also: extra hearing aid batteries, if needed.

To Do
- □ Check your child’s day care or school to find out about disaster plans.
- □ Take first aid/CPR class.
- □ Purchase a camp stove and fuel to boil water as needed

Week Seven
Grocery Store
- □ 1 gallon of water*
- □ 1 can ready-to-eat soup (not concentrate)*
- □ 1 can fruit*
- □ 1 can vegetables*
- □ liquid dish soap
- □ 1 quart plain liquid bleach
- □ 1 box heavy-duty garbage bags

Also: saline solution and a contact lens case if needed.

To Do
- □ Place a pair of hard sole shoes and a flashlight under your bed so that they are handy during an earthquake.

Week Eight
First Aid Supplies
- □ scissor
- □ tweezers
- □ antiseptic
- □ thermometer
- □ disposable hand wipes
- □ sewing kit
- □ waterproof plastic container for first aid supplies
- □ anti-diarrhea medicine
- □ rubbing alcohol
- □ 2 pair latex gloves
- □ ipecac syrup and activated charcoal (for accidental poisoning)
- □ children’s vitamins

Also: extra plastic baby bottles, formula and diapers, if needed.

To Do
- □ Send some of your favorite family and pet photos (or copies) to family members out of state for safe keeping.

MONTH THREE

Week Nine
Grocery Store
- □ 1 gallon of water*
- □ 1 can ready-to-eat soup (not concentrate)*
- □ liquid dish soap
- □ 1 quart plain liquid bleach
- □ 1 box heavy-duty garbage bags

Also: sunscreen, if needed.

To Do
- □ Store a roll of quarters for emergency phone calls, extra cash and credit cards.
- □ Go on a hunt with your family to find a pay phone near your home.

Week Ten
Hardware Store
- □ waterproof portable plastic container (with lid) for important papers
- □ portable AM/FM radio (with batteries)
- □ 1 flashlight (with batteries)

Also: space blanket, blankets or sleeping bag for each family member and pet.

To Do
- □ Make photocopies of important papers and store safely.
- □ Update animal vaccination records. Put with important papers.

Week Eleven
Grocery Store
- □ 1 gallon of water*
- □ 1 large can juice*
- □ large plastic food bags
- □ 1 box quick energy snacks
- □ 3 rolls paper towels
- □ ½ teaspoon (or 1ml) measuring device (for use with bleach to treat water)

Also: sunscreen, if needed.

To Do
- □ Take your family on a field trip to main electrical panel, gas meter and water shutoff. Demonstrate how to turn them off. If the valves don’t move, contact the utility for repair.

Week Twelve
First Aid Supplies
- □ anti-diarrhea medicine
- □ rubbing alcohol
- □ 2 pair latex gloves
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- □ children’s vitamins

Also: items for denture care, if needed.

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<td>□ whistle</td>
<td>□ 1 can fruit*</td>
<td>□ extra flashlight batteries</td>
<td>□ 1 can meat*</td>
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<td>□ ABC Fire extinguisher</td>
<td>□ 1 can meat*</td>
<td>□ masking tape</td>
<td>□ 1 can vegetables*</td>
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<td>□ pliers</td>
<td>□ 1 can vegetables*</td>
<td>□ hammer</td>
<td>□ 1 box large heavy-duty garbage bags</td>
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<td>□ vise grips</td>
<td>□ 1 package paper plates*</td>
<td>□ “L” brackets or flexible straps to secure tall furniture to wall studs</td>
<td>□ kleenex</td>
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<td>□ local area map</td>
<td>□ eating utensils</td>
<td>□ hand warmers</td>
<td>□ 1 box quick energy snacks (granola bars or raisins)</td>
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<td>□ hand warmers</td>
<td>□ package paper cups</td>
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<td>□ extra batteries for radio and flashlight</td>
<td>□ adult vitamins</td>
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**To Do**
- □ Find out if you have a neighborhood safety organization and join it!

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<td>□ 1 box graham crackers</td>
<td>□ “child-proof” latches or other fasteners for your cupboards</td>
<td>□ 1 box heavy duty garbage bags</td>
<td>□ camping or utility knife</td>
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<td>□ assorted plastic containers with lids</td>
<td>□ double sided tape or velcro-type fasteners to secure moveable objects</td>
<td>□ 1 box quick energy snacks</td>
<td>□ extra radio batteries</td>
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<td>□ assorted safety pins</td>
<td>□ extra rope or leash for pet</td>
<td>□ pen and paper</td>
<td>Also: for each pet, extra medications or prescription marked “emergency use,” if needed.</td>
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<td>□ dry cereal</td>
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Also: extra clothing like jacket, towels, hat, umbrella, gloves, shoes, etc.

**To Do**
- □ Arrange for a friend or neighbor to help your children or watch your pets if you are at work.
- □ Pack a “go-pack” in case you need to evacuate.
- □ Have an earthquake drill at home.
- □ If you are a licensed ham radio operator, contact a local government agency to volunteer for emergency service.

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<td>□ heavy work gloves</td>
<td>□ extra hand-operated can opener</td>
<td>□ battery powered camping lantern with extra battery or extra flashlights</td>
<td>□ large plastic food bags</td>
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<td>□ 1 box disposable dust masks</td>
<td>□ 3 rolls paper towels</td>
<td>□ for pets, a large ground screw to tie animals to when fences fall</td>
<td>□ plastic wrap</td>
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<td>□ screw driver</td>
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**To Do**
- □ Find out about your workplace disaster plans.

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Create a Family Disaster Supplies Kit

To Get Started

- Check your house for supplies that you already have on hand.
- Decide where to store supplies (food may be packed together in a single container or kept on shelves for easy rotation).

Meet With Your Family to Plan

- Discuss the types of disasters that could occur. Explain how to prepare and how to respond.
- Discuss what to do if you need to evacuate.
- Practice your plan.
- At the end of six months, review what you have done. Start with month one of the calendar. Evaluate, rotate and supplement supplies and preparedness actions.

Suggested Foods Select foods by your family’s needs and preferences. Pick low-salt, water-packed varieties if possible.

- **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, apple sauce, etc.
- **Cereal**: Cheerios, Chex, Kix, Shredded Wheat, etc.
- **Quick Energy Snacks**: granola bars, raisins, etc.

Remember to rotate your supplies every six months.

Storage Tips

- Keep food in dry, cool spot - dark area if possible.
- Keep food covered at all times.
- If you open food boxes or cans, do so carefully, so that you can close them tightly after each use.
- Wrap cookies or crackers in a plastic bag and inside a tight container.
- Empty opened packages of sugar, dried fruits and nuts into screw-top jars or air tight cans to protect them from pests.
- Inspect all food for signs of spoilage before use.
- Use foods before they go bad, and replace them with fresh supplies.
- Mark all foods with purchase date. Use ink or a marking pen. Place new items at the back/bottom of the storage area/container, and older ones in front.

Use* within 6 months:

- powdered milk (box)
- dried fruit (in air tight container)
- dry, crisp crackers (in air tight container)
- potatoes
- water
- bleach

Use* within one year:

- canned condensed milk and vegetable soups
- canned fruits, fruit juices and vegetables
- ready to eat cereals and uncooked instant cereals (in air tight container)
- peanut butter
- jelly
- hard candy and canned meats
- vitamin C
- water in manufactured sealed container

Long life: (if checked annually and in air tight containers and proper conditions)

- wheat
- vegetable oil
- dried corn
- baking powder
- soybeans
- instant coffee, tea and cocoa
- salt
- noncarbonated soft drinks
- white rice
- bouillon products
- dry pasta
- powdered milk (nitrogen-packed)

*Use or replace these items at the suggested time.