

Pack an emergency kit, check it twice a year

If disaster strikes, you may only have a few minutes to gather your loved ones and important items before leaving your home. Create an emergency kit that you can easily grab if you have to evacuate.

Make sure everyone knows where the emergency kit is stored, and check it twice a year to replace out-of-date items. It's also a good idea to keep an emergency kit in the car and have a back-up stashed in a different part of the house.

When preparing a home emergency kit, include the following:

- Three-day supply of nonperishable food for each family member
- Three-day supply of water for each person one gallon per person, per day
- Multipurpose tool or can opener
- Flashlight
- Hand-crank or battery-powered radio that can tune into National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather updates; see a list of stations in your area <u>here</u>
- Extra batteries
- Cell phone with chargers (consider a solar charger and car charger)
- First-aid kit
- Prescription medications
- Extra cash
- Local maps
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Whistle
- Dust masks, plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Moist towelettes
- Garbage bags and plastic ties
- Travel-size personal hygiene products, including toothbrush, toothpaste and hand sanitizer
- Clothing and bedding, including sleeping bags and pillows
- Hard copies or electronic records of important documents, such as birth certificates, social security cards, driver's licenses, passports, insurance cards and medical documents
- Pet food and other items for your pets, such as litter boxes and leashes

Additional items to include in your car emergency kit:

- Comfortable shoes
- Backpack
- Flares
- Jumper cables

These tips are provided by the Marketing team at CSAA Insurance Group, a AAA insurer.

• Basic toolkit

Consider keeping a two-week supply of non-perishable food and water at home in case you're stuck without power for an extended period of time.

For more information, talk to a AAA Insurance agent or visit your local branch office.