

Emergency Supplies

Everyone Should Have



This list can go a long way toward preparing you for storms, blackouts, and disasters.

Compile the items in this Federal Emergency Management Agency-approved list and keep them in a secure, dry place; they'll help keep your family safe and comfortable in the case of an adverse event.

Water

Aim for 1 gallon of water per person per day for at least three days.

Food

Gather at least a three-day supply of nonperishables (plus formula if you have a formula-fed baby).

Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio

They will help you get the big picture as to what's going on.

First aid kit

Buy one or assemble your own so you can treat minor ailments and injuries without leaving home.

Flashlight with extra batteries

If the power's out, you'll still be able to see at night.

Whistle

It can be used to alert first responders and others to your location.

Pliers or a wrench

If a pipe bursts or a gas line is leaking you'll be able to shut them off.

Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties

Your toilets may not work if the water and/or power go out—these items can be used for personal sanitation.

Plastic sheeting, duct tape, and a dust mask

The dust mask will help you filter any debris, and the plastic sheeting and tape can patch up any areas of your home that are leaking.

Maps of your local area

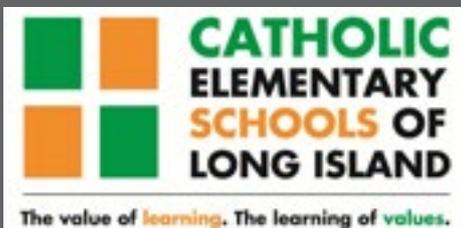
You may need them if your GPS goes out.

Looking to round out your emergency kit?

- Fire extinguisher
- Copies of important financial and personal documents (see list at right)
- Documentation of any prescription drugs family members take
- Cash and travelers checks
- Pet food and extra water
- Matches in a waterproof container or lighter and extra propane for your grill



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