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Go-bag

A component of your disaster kit is your Go-bag or Emergency Preparedness bag. Your Go-Bag should be a backpack or another type of container that can be easily grabbed and easy to maintain. Prepare one Go-bag for each family member and make sure each has an I.D. tag. You may not be at home when an emergency strikes so keep some additional supplies in your car and at work, considering what you would need for your immediate safety. Each Go-Bag should have the following minimum items:

- Flashlight
- Radio – battery operated (be sure to test once a month to ensure proper operation)
- Batteries
- Whistle
- Dust mask
- Pocket knife
- Emergency cash in small denominations and quarters for phone calls
- Sturdy shoes, a change of clothes, and a warm hat
- Local map
- Some water and food
- Permanent marker, paper and tape
- Photos of family members and pets for re-identification purposes
- List of emergency point-of -contact phone numbers
- List of allergies to any drug (especially antibiotics) or food
- Copy of health insurance and identification cards
- Extra prescription eye glasses, hearing aid or other vital personal items
- Prescription medications and first aid supplies
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Extra keys to your house and vehicle
- Any special-needs items for [children](#), [seniors](#) or [people with disabilities](#). Don't forget to make a Go-bag for your [pets](#).

