

PREPARING FOR AN EMERGENCY

The devastation caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita showed the importance of preparing yourself and your family for an emergency – whether a natural disaster, a manmade disaster or even a simple power outage. To help you be ready, Weems Creek Solutions has provided below a recommended Disaster Kit to assemble and store in advance of the next emergency. We have also provided a recommended Communications Plan to follow in the event your family is not together when disaster strikes.

Disaster Kit Checklist

The basic disaster supply kit should include water, food (for your family and pets), first aid supplies, clothing, bedding, tools and emergency supplies. Store these items in a container with a lid, backpacks, or coolers. The container should be easy for all family members to carry in the event of an evacuation.

Include these items for a minimum of three days:

- Clothing (appropriate for season)
- Bottled water (1 gallon per person daily)
- Dry and canned food with hand opener
- Disposable eating utensils
- Paper towels and toilet paper
- Soap and toiletries
- Battery operated radio and alarm (such as the *Kaito KA007 Emergency Hand Crank and Solar Radio* available from Weems Creek Solutions)
- Sleeping bags and bedding
- Familiar books or toys
- First aid kit and medications
- Flashlights and batteries
- Plastic bags (trash, storage, small for hygiene)
- Important papers (insurance, documents)
- Cash and credit cards
- Important phone numbers
- Scissors and pocket or utility knife
- Insect repellent
- Matches in tight, dry container

It is always a good idea to keep the gas tank full on your vehicle.

Consider these important supplies to help with safety, cleanup and repairs:

- Pliers, hammer, nails, other tools
- Gas shut-off wrench
- Fire extinguisher
- Plastic sheeting and/or tarps
- Paper and terry cloth towels, sponges
- Extension cords
- Camera and film
- Duct tape
- Hammer and nails
- Shovel and rake
- Hand or pruning saws and ax
- Cordless drill/hand drill
- Ropes and bungee cords
- Caulking gun and caulk
- Mops and brooms, wet/dry vacuum
- Ladder and wheelbarrow
- Pails and buckets
- Gas grill and propane
- Extra gas in a safe container
- Cleaning supplies

(Above information provided by Operation Safe America)

Family Communication Plan

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations. This is the Department of Homeland Security's suggested family communications plan.

Family Communication Plan

Out-of-State Contact Name
Phone #
Email

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Phone #
Email

Fill out the following information for each family member and keep it up to date.

Name _____
Date of Birth _____
Mobile/Walkie-Talkie # _____
Important Medical Information _____

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Where to go in an emergency. Write down where your family spends the most time: work, school and other places you frequent. Schools, daycare providers, workplaces and apartment buildings should all have site-specific emergency plans.

HOME
Address _____
Phone # _____
Neighborhood Meeting Place _____
Regional Meeting Place _____

Work

Address _____

Phone # _____

Neighborhood Meeting Place _____

Regional Meeting Place _____

Work

Address _____

Phone # _____

Neighborhood Meeting Place _____

Regional Meeting Place _____

School

Address _____

Phone # _____

Neighborhood Meeting Place _____

Regional Meeting Place _____

School

Address _____

Phone # _____

Neighborhood Meeting Place _____

Regional Meeting Place _____

Other Place You Frequent

Address _____

Phone # _____

Neighborhood Meeting Place _____

Regional Meeting Place _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Doctor (s)

Name _____

Phone # _____

Policy # _____

Other

Name

Phone #

Policy #

Pharmacist

Name

Phone #

Policy #

Medical Insurance

Name

Phone #

Policy #

Homeowners/Rental Insurance

Name

Phone #

Policy #

Other useful phone numbers: 911 for emergencies

Police Non-Emergency

Phone # _____



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School
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Phone #
Neighborhood Meeting Place
Regional Meeting Place

Other Place You Frequent
Address
Phone #
Neighborhood Meeting Place
Regional Meeting Place

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Doctor (s)
Name
Phone #
Policy #

Other
Name

Phone # _____
Policy # _____

Pharmacist _____
Name _____
Phone # _____
Policy # _____

Medical Insurance _____
Name _____
Phone # _____
Policy # _____

Homeowners/Rental Insurance _____
Name _____
Phone # _____
Policy # _____

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Police Non-Emergency

Phone # _____