

Be Ready for Anything!

Step 1

Essential Questions to ask before Disaster Strikes

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| <input type="checkbox"/> What are the common disasters for your area? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What preparations need to be made to your home to survive these disasters? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does your community have a warning system ie. sirens, text notifications etc... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do you know your community's evacuation procedures, routes to take, places to move? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does anyone require special accommodations such as elderly or disabled family members in your home? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does your employer have an Emergency Plan in place? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do your children's schools or child care facilities have an Emergency Plan in place? |

Step 2

Create an Emergency Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Educate each family member on the dangers of fire, severe weather, earthquakes, and other potential disasters. Discuss your approach to handle each type of situation. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identify safe spaces in your home to utilize during emergency situations. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communicate how to respond to power outages or any injuries that may take place. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Map out your home and include 2 possible escape routes. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach each family member how to shut off the main switches to the water, gas and electricity if needed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Place Emergency Phone Numbers where all can locate, ie front of refrigerator or family bulletin board. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educate Children to contact 911 at appropriate times |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have on hand an emergency battery-powered radio and show each family member how to use it. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choose one out of state contact for each family member to call, in case of separation. During disasters it may be impossible to call locally, due to clogged phone lines. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be sure children can call the out of state contact without your guidance. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choose two meet up locations. 1) close to your home in case of evacuation due to fire 2) Just outside your neighborhood, should you be unable to get access to your home. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a First Aid and CPR workshop to learn basic life-saving techniques. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Store important papers in a water and fire-proof container. |

Step 3

Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit

Assemble supplies you might need in an evacuation. Store them in an easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or duffle bag

Include:

- A supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers. Identify the storage date and replace every six months.
- A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can opener.
- A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes.
- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- A first aid kit and prescription medications.
- An extra pair of glasses.
- A battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.
- Credit cards and cash.
- An extra set of car keys.
- A list of family physicians.
- A list of important family information; the style and serial number of medical devices
- Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members.
- Phone Charger, power bank and extra cords

Step 4

Keep a paper copy of all important documents in a safe, or waterproof, fireproof box and an electronic copy in the Vault.

- Birth Certificates – all members of the household
- Passports- all members of the household
- Marriage Certificate
- Social Security Cards – all members of the household
- Health Insurance card – copy
- Home or Lease Agreement Documents
- Homeowners Insurance or Renters Insurance documents
- Home Inventory List – see attached template for creating an inventory of your belongings in case of fire or other natural disaster *
- Auto Insurance documents
- Vehicle titles, loan paperwork or license information for all household vehicles
- Life Insurance Policies – all members of the household
- Legal Documents such as Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney
- Long Term Care policies

List of all Important Contacts* such as Attorney, Insurance Agents and your Financial Professional – see attached page for a list of contact information for all Financial Resources that may pertain to you and your family.

Home Inventory List*

Creating a Home Inventory List can be a daunting task, but just think of the peace of mind you will have, once you know you have an updated list of all your belongings in case disaster strikes!

1. Find an easy place to start
2. File recent purchases
3. Start with basic details
4. Take Photos
5. Document Serial Numbers
6. Categorize your belongings
7. Store receipts
8. Confirm high-value coverage
9. Update as needed

Be sure to include

- Electronics
- Items in Storage
- Furnishings
- Phones
- Musical Instruments
- Appliances

Home Inventory Apps that are already available at no extra charge:

Allstate Digital Locker available on IOS and Android

Magic Home Inventory available on Android

Smart Inventory System available on Android

Apps available with a small fee

BluePlum Home Inventory for IOS

Home Contents for IOS

Memento – for IOS, Android or Desktop

MyStuff – for IOS or Android

Nest Egg – for IOS

Sortly- for IOS or Android

MS Excel -also offers a pre-made spreadsheet under Templates titled “Home Contents Inventory List”

Important Financial Contacts*

Property/Casualty/Home Insurance

Company Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Policy Number: _____

Flood Insurance

Company Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Policy Number: _____

Attorney: _____

Contact Number: _____

CPA/Tax Preparer: _____

Contact Number: _____

Other Professionals: _____

Contact Number: _____

NFS, LLC – Kestra Financial

5707 Southwest Pkwy, Bld2, Suite 400

Austin, TX 78735

844-553-7872

John Hancock Investments

430 W 7th St. Suite 219909

Kansas City, MO 64105-1407

800-225-5291

Prudential Life Insurance Company

Annuities Services Center

2101 Welsh Road

Dresher, PA 19025

800-621-1089

Invesco Aim

430 W. 7th St.

Kansas City, MO 64405-1407

800-959-4246

Principal Funds

430 W. 7th St. Suite 219971

Kansas City, MO 64105-1407

800-222-5852

MFS Investment Management

430 W. 7th Street Suite 219341

Kansas City, MO 64105-1407

800-343-2829

Auto/Liability/Umbrella Insurance

Company Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Policy Number: _____

Health Insurance

Company Name: _____

Member ID: _____

Contact Number: _____

Tim Hudson, Financial Advisor

SilverStar Wealth Management

13525 Skinner Road

Cypress, TX 77429

281-477-3847 Office

936-755-4431 Home

713-703-0210 Cell (Emergency Only)

SEI Private Client Group

1 Freedom Valley Dr.

Oaks, PA 19456

800-342-5734

John Hancock Freedom 529

c/o T. Rowe Price

4515 Painters Mill Rd.

Owings Mills, MD 21117-4903

866-222-7498

Jackson National Life Insurance

1 Corporate Way

Lansing MI, 48951

877-565-2968

Capital Bank & Trust

American Funds

5300 Robin Hood Rd.

Norfolk, VA 23513-2430

800-421-4225

Franklin Templeton Funds

100 Fountain Parkway

St. Petersburg, FL 33716-1205

800-342-5236

ING/Voya/Venerable

Service Center

699 Walnut Street, Suite 1350

Des Moines, IA 50309-3942

Fixed Annuities 800-369-5303

Variable Annuities 800-366-0066

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BUILDING A “GO-BAG”

A “Go-Bag” will ensure you have what you need in the event you must quickly leave your home. Make sure these supplies are already put together and in an easily accessible place. In some emergencies, you may only have seconds to grab your supplies and leave.

- Copies of your important papers in a waterproof bag.
- Extra set of car and house keys.
- Extra mobile phone charger.
- Bottled water and snacks such as energy or granola bars.
- First-aid supplies, flashlight, and whistle.
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (with extra batteries, if needed).
- A list of the medications each member of your family needs and at least a 14-day supply of each medication.
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, wet cleansing wipes, and so on.
- Contact and meeting place information for your family and a map of your local area.
- Rain ponchos, or foul-weather gear
- External mobile phone battery pack or solar charger. Some hand-crank flashlights will also include a phone charger.
- Escape Tool for your car.

EMERGENCY FOOD RESOURCES

<https://mypatriotsupply.com/collections/emergency-survival-food>

<https://readywise.com/>

<https://mountainhouse.com/>

WATER TANK RESOURCES

<https://www.surewatertanks.com/>

<https://waterprepared.com/>

Disaster Preparation Resources

www.ready.gov

www.redcross.org

www.fema.org

<https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/emergency-preparedness/emergency-supplies-for-the-home>

<https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-04/family-emergency-communication-plan.pdf>

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/planning/index.asp>

Other Sources:

https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/atg/Chapters/Division_1_-_Media/Denver/Denver_-_PDFs/EmergencyPreparednessChecklist.pdf

<https://www.houstonoem.org/preparedness-are-you-ready/>

<https://www.forbes.com/advisor/homeowners-insurance/home-inventory/>

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