

The Five P's of Evacuation

Use the descriptions and ideas below to fill in the sheet called "MY Evacuation List."

#1: PEOPLE AND PETS (INCLUDING LIVESTOCK)

| Name | Notes |
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| In the name section, include a description of animals (e.g., JoJo, the dog; Lumpy, the donkey). | Notes contains information for a rescuer if you are away when the evacuation order comes (e.g., donkey in the little barn and dog in crate in bedroom). |

#2: PRESCRIPTIONS

| Item | Pack ahead or not? |
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| List the name of the item; be specific. See examples below. | Indicate if you'll pack this in the Go Bag in advance. If it's not packed ahead, indicate where the item is located. |
| --Copy of prescriptions | --Pack in Go Bag. |
| --Lipitor | --Get from medicine cabinet. |
| --Aspirin | --Pack in Go Bag. |

Examples of items to include in the PRESCRIPTIONS section:

- Copies of medicine prescriptions with dosages. Why include this? If you forget a medicine or run out, it's easier to get replacements with a copy of the prescription.
- Glasses and prescriptions.
- Hearing aids and batteries.
- Medical devices and their attachable parts (e.g., cords, oxygen tank carrier).
- If medicines need to be refrigerated, get a small cooler for ice and the medicine.
- Animal medicines and prescriptions.
- A week's supply of over-the-counter medicines like aspirin.

#3: PAPERS

| Item | Pack ahead or not? |
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| List the name of the item; be specific. | You can get almost all of this ready in advance. Some you would store in the “Go Bag”; some in other places. |

Examples of items to include in the PAPERS section:

- IDs, passports, driver licenses, Social Security card, and copies of all of those identifying documents. See Note #2 below on security of these documents.
- Insurance policies (for cars, home, health, and any other) and contact numbers.
- Copies of recent utility bills and bank statements; pictures of your house and contents – you can have digital copies.
- Doctor’s name and contact information, and a copy of your medical history.
- Pictures of your pets, the veterinarian’s phone number, and the information on their chips or IDs (in case they get lost during the evacuation).
- Names and phone numbers of friends and family. Make a paper copy for your “Go Bag” in case you have to use a landline in a shelter and your cell phone is dead.
- A copy of your family communication plan. A family communication plan helps you get in touch with your immediate family members if you were to be in different places at the time of the evacuation; it also helps you alert extended family and friends that you are safe. Don’t rely solely on cell phone connection with immediate family members. Have a relative in another area whom you all could contact via landline and that person could relay information on the location of members of your immediate family who evacuated separately.

NOTE #1: Photocopy or scan all important pages. You can pack some in the Go Bag (e.g., insurance contact information and copy of IDs).

NOTE #2: Theft and identity theft can occur in emergency situations just like in daily life. So, store copies of your other documents in a safety deposit box in a bank, in your small safe you can store in your car, on a password-protected thumb/pin drive, or in your cloud or online storage space.

#4: PERSONAL NEEDS

| Item | Pack ahead or not? |
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| | Pack as much as possible in advance. In the fire and flood season, think of yourself as being instantly ready to take off on a long weekend. |
| | For food items you pack ahead, go through the “Go Bag” periodically, and check whether any items are nearing their expiration dates. |

Examples of items to include in the PERSONAL NEEDS section:

- 3-Day supply of **drinking water** and water for washing up, which is 1 gallon per person per day (half gallon to drink and half gallon to clean with). Also, bring water for pets and livestock.
- **Food** for 3 days. Pack non-perishable items you can eat without cooking or heating. If you pack more than finger foods, include a can opener, paring knife, spoon, cup, and bowl in your “Go Bag.”
 - For children and adults, some examples are granola bars, chips, crackers, peanut butter, cereal, dried fruit, and canned beans, pudding and fruit.
 - For babies, examples include milk powder, cereal and canned baby food.
 - For pets, pack canned or dry food.
- 1-2 changes of **clothing** for each person.
- For babies, pack at least a week’s worth of **diapers** just in case stores run out.
- If you are placed in a Red Cross shelter, they will provide a cot and blanket. Pack extra **items for staying warm** in case you have to wait until a shelter opens. Items to include: jackets, extra socks, quilts, blankets, sleeping bag, or a winter bathrobe.
- **Hygiene** items like shampoo, tooth brushes and toothpaste, bar soap and a washcloth, shaving items ... whatever you’d take for a 3-day trip.
- For **pets**, bring carriers, crates, and leashes, cat litter and boxes. Shelters often allow pets, but they must be restrained and often crated.
- Flashlight with extra AA batteries, dust mask, toilet paper, and first-aid kit – all packed ahead of time in your Go Bag.

#5: PRICELESS ITEMS

| Item | Pack ahead or not? |
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| Copy family histories, pictures, etc. and store them in an online storage or a safety deposit box. | Pack/store ahead of time |
| Non-paper items like jewelry or special objects | Store offsite in fire season or put everything in easy to grab bag. |