

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
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?
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?
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?
	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?
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.