

Family Disaster Supplies Calendar

A Checklist

The Family Disaster Supplies Calendar is intended to help you prepare for disasters before they happen. For example, to prepare for Florida's Hurricane Season, at the beginning of the year, using this calendar, your family can assemble an emergency kit in small steps over a six month period. Check off each week as you gather the items. Supplies may be stored all together in a large plastic garbage can or food may be kept on kitchen shelves. Remember to rotate your perishable supplies and change water every six months.



WEEK 1

Grocery Store

- 1 gallon of water*
- 1 jar of peanut butter*
- 1 large can juice*
- 1 can meat*
- hand-operated can opener
- instant coffee, tea, powdered soft drinks
- permanent marking pen to mark date on cans (remember 1 gallon of water for each pet)

Also: pet food, diapers, and/or baby food if needed.

To Do

- Make a family plan.
- Date each perishable food item using marking pen.

WEEK 2

Hardware Store

- crescent wrench
- heavy rope
- duct tape

Also: a leash or carrier for your pet, if needed.

To Do

- Check your house for hazards.
- Locate your gas meter and water shutoffs and attach a wrench near them.

WEEK 3

Grocery Store

- 1 gallon of water*
 - 1 can meat*
 - 1 can fruit*
 - sanitary napkins
 - video tape
- (remember 1 gallon of water for each pet)

Also: pet food, diapers, and/or baby food, if needed.

To Do

- Use a video camera to tape the contents of your home for insurance purposes.
- Store video tape with friend/family member who lives out of town.

WEEK 4

Hardware Store

- plumber's tape
- crowbar
- smoke detector with battery

Also: extra medications or a prescription marked "emergency use," if needed.

To Do

- Install or test your smoke detector.
- Tie water heater to wall studs using plumber's tape.

WEEK 5

Grocery Store

- 1 gallon of water*
- 1 can meat*
- 1 can fruit*
- 1 can vegetables*
- 2 rolls toilet paper*
- extra toothbrush*
- travel size toothpaste

Also: special food for special diets, if needed.

To Do

- Have a fire drill at home.

WEEK 6

First Aid Supplies

- aspirin and/or acetaminophen
- compresses
- rolls of gauze or bandages
- first aid tape
- adhesive bandages (in assorted sizes)

Also: extra hearing aid batteries, if needed.

To Do

- Check with your child's day care or school to find out about their disaster plans.

WEEK 7

Grocery Store

- 1 gallon of water*
- 1 can ready to eat soup (not concentrate)*
- 1 can fruit*
- 1 can vegetables*

Also: extra plastic baby bottles, formula and diapers, if needed.

To Do

- Establish an out-of-state contact to call in case of emergency.

WEEK 8

First Aid Supplies

- scissors
- tweezers
- antiseptic
- thermometer
- liquid hand soap
- disposable hand wipes
- sewing kit

Also: extra eyeglasses, if needed.

To Do

- Place a pair of shoes and a flashlight under your bed so that they are handy during an emergency.

WEEK 9

Grocery Store

- 1 can ready-to-eat soup*
- liquid dish soap
- plain liquid bleach
- 1 box heavy-duty garbage bags

Also: saline solution and a contact lens case, if needed.

To Do

- Send some of your favorite family photos (or copies) to family members out of state.

WEEK 10

Hardware Store

- waterproof portable plastic container (with lid) for important papers
- portable am/fm radio (with batteries)

Also: blankets or sleeping bag for each family member.

To Do

- Make photocopies of important papers and store safely.

WEEK 11

Grocery Store

- 1 large can juice*
- large plastic food bags
- 1 box quick energy snacks
- 3 rolls paper towels

Also: sunscreen, if needed.

To Do

- Store a roll of quarters for emergency phone calls.
- Go on a hunt with your family to find a pay phone near home.

WEEK 12

First Aid Supplies

- anti-diarrhea medicine
- rubbing alcohol
- 2 pair latex gloves
- ipecac syrup and activated charcoal (for accidental poisoning)

Also: items for denture care, if needed.

To Do

- Take a family trip to gas meter and water meter shutoffs.



Items marked with an asterisk *** should be purchased for each member of the household.

WEEK 13

Hardware Store

- whistle
- ABC fire extinguisher
- pliers
- vise grips

To Do

- Take a first aid/CPR class.



WEEK 14

Grocery Store

- 1 can meat*
- 1 can fruit*
- 1 can vegetables*
- 1 package paper plates
- 1 package eating utensils
- 1 package paper cups
- adult vitamins

To Do

- Make a plan to check on a neighbor who might need help in an emergency.

WEEK 15

Hardware Store

- extra flashlight batteries
- masking tape
- hammer
- assorted nails
- "L" brackets to secure tall furniture to wall studs
- wood screws

To Do

- Brace shelves and cabinets.

WEEK 16

Grocery Store

- 1 can meat*
- 1 can vegetables*
- 1 box large heavy-duty garbage bags
- kleenex
- 1 box quick energy snacks.

To Do

- Find out if you have a neighborhood safety organization and join it!

WEEK 17

Grocery Store

- 1 box graham crackers
- assorted plastic containers with lids
- assorted safety pins
- dry cereal

To Do

- Arrange for a friend or neighbor to help your children if you are at work.

WEEK 18

Hardware Store

- "child proof" latches or other fasteners for your cupboards
- double-sided tape or Velcro-type fasteners to secure moveable objects

To Do

- Pack a "go-pack" in case you need to evacuate.

WEEK 19

Grocery Store

- 1 box large heavy-duty garbage bags
- 1 box quick energy snacks (such as granola bars or raisins)

To Do

- Have a tornado/hurricane drill at home.

WEEK 20

Hardware Store

- camping or utility knife
- extra radio batteries

Also: purchase an emergency escape ladder for second story bedrooms if needed.

To Do

- Find out about your workplace disaster plans.

WEEK 21

Hardware Store

- heavy work gloves
- 1 box disposable dust masks
- screwdriver
- plastic safety goggles

WEEK 22

Grocery Store

- extra hand-operated can opener
- 3 rolls paper towels

WEEK 23

Hardware Store

- battery powered camping lantern with extra battery or extra flashlights

WEEK 24

Grocery Store

- large plastic food bags
- plastic wrap
- aluminum foil

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