

What you'll need

According to the Red Cross, build a Disaster Supplies Kit, putting everything in one container, like a plastic trash bin with a lid.

- Water in plastic containers, one gallon per person per day
- Ready-to-eat canned foods, juices
- Can opener
- Food for infants
- Vitamins
- Non-prescription drugs
- Paper or plastic utensils, plates, cups
- Flashlight, extra batteries
- Small fire extinguisher
- Battery-operated radio
- Matches in waterproof container
- Signal flare
- Shut-off wrench, to turn off household gas and water
- Map of area or evacuation map
- Toilet paper
- Soap, liquid detergent
- Personal hygiene items
- Garbage bags
- One complete change of clothing and footwear per person
- Rain gear
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Tent
- Important family documents in waterproof, portable container



For more information on storm preparedness, visit the American Red Cross Web site at www.redcross.org/services/prepare/.