

How to Make a Go-Bag

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What is a Go-Bag?

A Go-bag is an evacuation preparation bag that contains a three-day supply of items one would need to safely evacuate their home. These bags are prepared in advance, before an emergency, and are kept in an easily accessible place.

How to Make a Go-Bag:

To make a Go-Bag, find a sturdy and large enough bag that can hold **at least three days worth** of necessities. Add the essentials first and include additional items as you see fit.

Essential Items:

- Clothing & toiletries for 3-5 days
- Flashlight & radio with extra batteries
- Non-perishable food & can opener
- Phone charger
- Extra cash
- First-Aid kit
- Pet essentials

Additional items:

- Hand sanitizer/wipes
- Books or magazines
- Trash bags
- Rain poncho
- Blanket
- Laundry detergent
- Rubber gloves/duct tape
- Your contact information

Personalize Your Go-Bag:

When creating a Go-Bag, it's important to consider who it's for. Keep in mind the different toiletry, clothing, and medical needs of each family member.

Women may need different toiletries than men, and your mother may need different clothes than your child. Do they use an inhaler? Do they wear glasses? The more you consider each family member's needs, the more prepared they will be for any emergency.

Some examples of personalized items:

- Financial & medical records
- Necessary medications
- Prescription glasses
- Extra credit cards
- Inventory of home contents
- Designated out-of-area contacts
- Family heirlooms & photos
- Copy of their passport