

Supply list

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When you are collecting supplies make sure you have enough of everything for at least two weeks. Keep them in airtight containers or plastic bags. Some basic items, not including food and water might include:

- Clean containers for storing drinking water: Figure you will need a gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation. Have a two-week supply on hand for each person. Use clean containers for storing drinking water. Food-grade plastic containers that have screw caps, such as 2-liter soda bottles, are best. Plastic milk jugs, though they can be leaky, will do in a pinch.
- Gallon-sized freezer bags for making ice: You'll want to fill them with water and freeze as many as you can a few days before the storm is expected to arrive.
- Household bleach, without lemon scent, to purify water.
- Tools: hammer and nails; ax or hatchet; crowbar; screwdrivers; pliers; a drill (consider battery-powered) with screwdriver bits and adapters to install bolts; extra fasteners and bolts for shutters; a knife; handsaw.
- Duct tape and masking tape.
- Flashlight for each member of the family with extra batteries
- Radio or battery-powered TV with extra batteries
- Fire extinguisher
- Lantern with extra fuel or batteries
- Matches: Wooden kitchen matches are best. Keep them dry in a plastic bag or plastic film container.
- A charcoal or gas grill with a supply of fuel so you can cook if you are left without electricity or gas. Never use a grill inside.
- Fuel for your generator or chain saw
- Sterno stove, with extra fuel
- Oven mitts, for handling hot cookware.
- Disposable plastic eating utensils, to help you save water.
- Hand-operated can opener
- Soap with a covered plastic container
- Toiletries
- Toilet paper. Keep it dry in plastic bags.
- Needle and thread
- Mosquito repellent
- A first aid kit - See a list of suggested items here.
- Extra prescription medications, enough for a month.
- Disposable diapers and wipes
- Cat litter, which also is good for soaking up spills.
- A two week supply of food for your pets
- Several boxes of garbage bags, with ties, to collect refuse and store goods to keep them dry.
- Large plastic trash cans with sealing lids work well for the storage of most items. As alternatives, try duffel bags, camping backpacks or cardboard boxes.

- Rope or heavy cord. Get 100 feet. It can be useful in many ways. As a clothesline, for example.
- Tarpaulin, canvas or 6-mil plastic sheeting. Good for making temporary roof repairs or tents.
- Safety razor blades
- Whistle or air horn
- Money (most ATMs will not be operational)

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