



Disaster Checklist

Every day we see news about severe storms and wildfires. Is your family prepared? How about your business? You need supplies for all the possible people you will have to shelter. Make sure you have enough.

Please share this with your family and business associates.

___ Family / Business Communications Plan

- ✓ Write down critical cell and landline numbers in case your phone dies
- ✓ Know where your family members or business colleagues will meet if cell towers and landline phones go out
- ✓ Designate an out-of-area relative everyone should contact if they can't reach each other
- ✓ For your business, complete a contact sheet for all workforce members, including their personal e-mail address, their spouse/partner contact info, and an out-of-area contact you can call if you can't reach your employee

___ Water - Water systems may be contaminated and unsafe for 3 or more days

- ✓ Buy cases of water or fill pots and pitchers with drinking water – 1 gallon per day per person
- ✓ Store 10 gallons of clean water for cooking
- ✓ Use food-grade water containers from camping stores
- ✓ Replace the water every six months if not using commercially bottled water
- ✓ Never use water from toilet flush tanks or bowls, radiators, waterbeds, or swimming pools/spas.
- ✓ Purchase LifeStraw water purifiers to filter contaminated water

___ Food

- ✓ Store non-perishable food you don't have to cook
- ✓ Include food needed for special diets
- ✓ Store non-perishable food for your pets

___ Utilities

- ✓ Know how to turn off your electric, water, and gas services
- ✓ Keep tools near your shutoffs for quick action
- ✓ Never turn on your utilities until authorized
- ✓ Always have a professional turn your gas back on

___ Cash - Credit cards won't work if power and communications go down.

- ✓ Withdraw \$ 200 - \$ 300 in small bills so you can make cash purchases

___ Automobile - gas pumps won't work if power fails

- ✓ Fill your gas tank when you first hear a warning
- ✓ Don't drain your car battery charging cell phones or other devices
- ✓ Keep an emergency kit in your car in case you are stranded away from home

___ Cell phones

- ✓ Register your cell phone to receive calls from your county's emergency management system
- ✓ Install weather and disaster preparedness apps and configure for alert notifications
- ✓ Text messages use less battery and get through when calls can't
- ✓ Photograph the contents of your house or business now and every 6 months (or after major changes)
- ✓ Store emergency contact info for family members and employees, including alternate e-mail contacts and phone numbers for their close friends and relatives in case you can't reach them directly
- ✓ Charge and bring all your external batteries to keep your cell phone powered– keep them charged
- ✓ Pack your car charger and home charger if you evacuate
- ✓ Extend your battery by turning off wi-fi and other services you aren't using
- ✓ Solar chargers will work when power is out for extended periods
- ✓ Learn how to set up your cell phone as a personal Internet hotspot

____ **Computers**

- ✓ Back up critical data onto external hard drives or the cloud
- ✓ If you have to evacuate take critical equipment with you, or seal it in garbage bags and store it in a high spot to protect against water damage
- ✓ Pack your laptop charger if you evacuate
- ✓ For businesses, do a test-restore of your backup files every quarter to ensure that (a) the backups will work during an emergency and (b) all critical data is backed up. Don't just move files- make sure your business functions will work in the backup environment

____ **Generators** - can use 7 – 10 gallons of gasoline PER DAY

- ✓ Use gasoline or propane generators - communities may turn off natural gas service prior to a disaster
- ✓ Plan your needs to be sure you can power heating, refrigerators, lights, and television for 7 days
- ✓ Store gasoline in safe containers with fuel stabilizer. Replace stored gas every 6 – 10 months
- ✓ During disaster turn generator off for maximum use but enough to keep food cold
- ✓ Buy a siphon to 'borrow' fuel for your generator from cars and mowers

____ **Evacuation**

- ✓ Have a backpack or overnight bag pre-packed with clothes, medications, sweatshirt and sweatpants; energy/meal replacement bars; emergency blankets (look in the camping supply areas of sporting goods or department store;) sanitation and hygiene items (hand sanitizer, moist towelettes, and toilet paper;) photocopies of identification and credit cards; special needs items such as prescription medications, eye glasses, contact lens solution, and hearing aid batteries; items for infants, such as formula, diapers, bottles, and pacifiers.
- ✓ Follow instructions to shut off water, gas, and electricity before you leave
- ✓ Know your evacuation routes before you go. Print out directions from your county emergency mgt. website

____ **Hand-crank weather radio**

- ✓ Purchase one at Lowes, Home Depot, Sam's, Costco, or Walmart
- ✓ Make sure the radio has SAME alerting so you will only receive alerts for your local area.
- ✓ These also charge cell phones through a USB cable

____ **Batteries**

- ✓ Enough for flashlights, lanterns, radios for 1 week

____ **Flashlights/LED lanterns**

- ✓ No need for fuel or mantles; safer than candles
- ✓ Some lanterns come with removable LED flashlights

____ **Common Sense**

- ✓ Evacuate if your local government issues an order
- ✓ Don't drive through flooded streets
- ✓ Stay away from downed wires

____ **Don't panic**

- ✓ Practice your disaster response so everyone knows what to expect
- ✓ Keep your cool for your own safety and your family's



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AMAZON DISASTER ORDER LIST

These are all Prime-Eligible for quick delivery. Click on the picture to order.

Radio – weather channel, hand-crank, solar charger, flashlight



Sponsored ⓘ
Emergency Weather Solar Crank AM/FM NOAA Radio with Portable 2000mAh Power Bank, Bright Flashlight and Reading Lamp for Household Emergency and Outdoor Survival (Green)
by Greadio
\$29⁹⁰ ✓prime | FREE One-Day
FREE Delivery by **Tomorrow, Sep 11**
Get it tomorrow for FREE on qualifying orders over \$35

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Batteries – AAA, AA, C-cell, D-Cell (for lanterns and radios)

AmazonBasics Our Brand AmazonBasics AAA Performance Alkaline ... \$9⁹⁹ (\$0.28/Count) ✓prime FREE One-Day ★★★★☆ 22,416	AmazonBasics Our Brand AmazonBasics D Cell Everyday Alkaline Ba... \$12⁹⁹ (\$1.08/Count) ✓prime FREE One-Day ★★★★☆ 2,901	AmazonBasics Our Brand AmazonBasics 9 Volt Everyday Alkaline Ba... \$9⁹⁹ (\$1.25/Count) ✓prime FREE One-Day ★★★★☆ 4,465	AmazonBasics Our Brand AmazonBasics C Cell Everyday Alkaline Ba... \$11⁸⁶ (\$0.99/Count) ✓prime FREE One-Day ★★★★☆ 2,111

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Lantern



Etekcity 2 Pack Portable LED Camping Lantern Flashlights with 6 AA Batteries - Survival Kit for Emergency, Hurricane, Outage (Black, Collapsible)
by Etekcity
\$22⁹⁹ ✓prime
Some options are Prime eligible

★★★★☆ 449

Product Features
... 2-year warranty and lifetime supported by Etekcity; FCC, ROHS certified ...

Solar charger



Sponsored ⓘ
Solar Charger, Dizaul 5000mAh Portable Solar Power Bank Waterproof/Shockproof/Dustproof Dual USB Battery Bank for Cell Phone, Samsung, Android Phones, Windows Phones, GoPro Camera, GPS and More
by dizaul
\$23⁹⁵ ✓prime | FREE One-Day
FREE Delivery by **Tomorrow, Sep 11**
Get it tomorrow for FREE on qualifying orders over \$35

★★★★☆ 1

Save 10% with coupon

Product Features
... s comparatively slow for the solar charger to recharge itself via solar ...

External cell phone battery



Jackery External Battery Charger Giant+ 12000mAh Dual USB Portable Battery Charger/External Battery Pack/Phone Backup Power Bank with Emergency Flashlight for iPhone, Samsung and Others - Orange
by Jackery
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★★★★☆ 10,293

Product Features
... Emergency: Keep a charger handy in an emergency, using it get ...

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115-hour candle – make sure you have matches



115 Hour Plus Emergency Candles (Set of 6) | Long-Burning Clear Mist - Smoke & Odor Free | Indoor & Outdoor use
by Disaster Necessities

\$36⁹⁵ ✓prime | FREE One-Day
FREE Delivery

★★★★☆ 28

Product Features

... easy to use and light - each candle burns for up to 115 hours - That's ...

Water Jug

Best Seller



Gowithwind 1.25 Gallon / 2.5 Gallon / 5 Gallon Collapsible Water Container, BPA Free FDA Approved Water Storage Canteen, Portable Water Carrier Bag for Hiking Camping and Hurricane Flood Earthquake
by Gowithwind

\$988 - \$22⁸⁸ ✓prime
Some colors are Prime eligible

★★★★☆ 41

LifeStraw – for when the water supply isn't safe to drink

Best Seller



Sponsored ⓘ

LifeStraw Personal Water Filter Hiking, Camping, Travel Emergency Preparedness

by LifeStraw

\$19⁹⁵ ✓prime
Some colors are Prime eligible

★★★★☆ 7,290

- Item Dimensions Length: 12 inches
- Item Dimensions Width: 2 inches
- Item Dimensions Height: 2 inches

Water Purification Tablets – for when the water supply isn't safe to drink

Best Seller



Potable Aqua Water Purification Treatment (50 Tablets) - Portable Drinking Water Treatment Ideal for Emergencies, Survival, Travel, and Camping

by Potable Aqua

\$6⁴⁹ - \$22⁷⁹ ✓prime
Some options are Prime eligible

★★★★☆ 1,659

Product Features

... hiking, backpacking, natural disasters and emergency water preparedness ...

Emergency Sleeping Bag

Best Seller



SE EB122OR Survivor Series Emergency Sleeping Bag Kit, Orange

by SE

\$7⁸⁴ - \$27⁹⁸ ✓prime | FREE One-Day
FREE Delivery by Tomorrow, Sep 11
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More Buying Choices
\$7.29 (9 used & new offers)

★★★★☆ 732

Product Description

... SE's heavy-duty Emergency Sleeping Bag is tear-resistant, reusable, and ...

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Emergency 2-person 3-day kit

Amazon's Choice



Ready America 70280 Emergency Kit, 2-Person, 3-Day Backpack

by Ready America

\$42⁵² \$49.99 ✓prime | FREE One-Day
FREE Delivery by Tomorrow, Sep 11

More Buying Choices
\$34.85 (9 new offers)

★★★★☆ 418

Product Features
One 33-piece first aid kit

Emergency Food – 18 400-calorie bars – during a disaster you need strength – eat calories!



Millennium Energy Bars Assorted Flavors Including Emergency Guide

by Millenium foods

\$11⁹⁹ - \$47⁹⁵ ✓prime
Some sizes are Prime eligible

★★★★☆ 321

Product Features
... alive. Each bar contains over ... your life with Emergency guide by ...

Emergency Food – 12 meals – 3 days

Best Seller



Mountain House Pouch Kits, Freeze Dried MEals ready in Minutes Just add water, 30+Year Shelf-Life, Great for emergency Preparedness, Camping, Hiking, earthquake meals

by Mountain House

\$79⁹⁸ subscribe & Save
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\$79⁹⁸ - \$683¹⁹ ✓prime
Some colors are Prime eligible

★★★★☆ 1,238

Emergency Food – 30 days – good for businesses; preparation for sheltering-in-place



Augason Farms 30-Day Emergency Food Storage Supply 29 lb 4.37 oz 7 Gallon Pail

by Augason Farms

\$87⁶¹ - \$239⁰⁰ ✓prime
Some sizes are Prime eligible

★★★★☆ 236

Product Features
35 Food Pouches

Toilet Paper – you won't laugh when you are the only one in the shelter who thought ahead!



2 Ply Tissue-On-The-Go Coreless Toilet Paper Roll (Pack of 6 Rolls, 225 Sheets per Roll)

by American Paper Converting

\$13¹⁷ - \$249⁸⁹ ✓prime
Some sizes are Prime eligible

★★★★☆ 85

Product Features
Toilet paper designed to go with you

Gas Cans – Generators use 7 gallons per day if run continuously. Most people have less than 5 gallons for their mower.

Best Seller



Midwest Can 5600-4PK Gas Can - 5 Gallon Capacity, (Pack of 4)

by Midwest Can

\$72⁸⁴ ✓prime
FREE Delivery by Tue, Sep 18

More Buying Choices
\$68.71 (7 new offers)

★★★★☆ 158

Product Features
Holds 5 gallons of gas and oil mixes