Step #2: Get a Kit

Your Evacuation Box Checklist

*Store the following items in a waterproof, portable container to use at home or to take with you if you are evacuated. Your box should be easy to locate by all family members. Check the supply of items every six months or so, for items that may need to be replaced.*

- Radio—battery powered with extra batteries or hand-crank
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Canned food and bottled water—3 day supply
- Hand-operated can opener
- Emergency phone numbers
- Change of clothing, coat, hat, and sturdy shoes
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Re-sealable plastic bags of various sizes for all types of non-food uses
- Entertainment items such as books, deck of cards, battery-operated electronic games (with extra batteries), small toys, things you would like to play with
- Hands-free light with extra batteries, if available
- First aid kit with manual
- Personal identification and important papers, such as birth certificates, credit card account numbers and insurance policies, etc.
- Medications and health information, such as prescription medications (30-day supply) and copies of prescriptions, children’s immunization records and lists of allergies
- Map of your area
- Mess kits (paper cups, plates and plastic utensils)
- Personal hygiene items, such as bar soap, hand sanitizer, toiletries and towels
- Pet supplies—shelters often cannot take pets, so plan for your pets in case your family has to evacuate; identify someone outside of your immediate family who can take care of your pet if you can’t