



GO BAG CHECKLIST (EVACUATION READY)

Built for real situations. Not theory.

A go bag is meant to get you out fast, keep you moving for the first 24–72 hours, and make sure you have the information you need if something happens to your home and to get back in if access is restricted after an evacuation.

DOCUMENTS, IDENTIFICATION, AND PLANNING (*Hard copies matter. Do not rely on your phone.*)

- Driver's license or ID
- Proof of residency (hard copies of utility bill, lease, etc.)
- A waterproof packet of critical documents (hard copies) with a digital backup
- Printed contact list
- Written medication and medical information
- Printed local map (hard copy) with at least two evacuation routes clearly marked
- A short written plan
- Digital home inventory

FINANCIAL AND ACCESS

- Cash in small bills
- Backup wallet
- Spare set of house and vehicle keys

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

- Basic first aid supplies
- Necessary medications
- Over the counter medications
- Spare eyeglasses or vision backup

COMMUNICATION AND SIGNALING

- Family or group communication option (e.g., GMRS radios)
- Emergency whistle
- Small battery-powered or hand-crank NOAA weather radio
- Notebook and pen for tracking and communication

PETS

- Pet records and identification
- Pet food

THE BASIC STUFF PEOPLE ALREADY KNOW

- Water
- Simple, easy-to-eat food
- Pre-staged change of functional clothing
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Rain jacket or outer layer
- Sturdy footwear and extra socks
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Extra batteries
- Battery bank and charging cables
- Multi-tool and/or basic knife
- Lighter or fire starter
- Blanket or emergency blanket
- Small roll of duct tape
- Black contractor trash bags
- Toiletries kit
- N95 masks
- A personal comfort item

FINAL NOTES

- Keep it packed and ready
- Keep it light enough to carry
- Everyone should have their own bag
- This is for getting out, not long-term living
- Know where you're going before you need to go

Rule #1 of Survival - Don't Die! Rule #13 - Don't wait until it's happening.