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## **How to Prepare for a Disaster**

**You need to be prepared. Knowing the steps to take during a disaster can greatly reduce the danger and distress your family may face.**

**So what do you need to put in your kit? Water, food, tools, and equipment; you will also need personal items such as your ID, birth and marriage certificates, bank account numbers, and other important documents as well as maps and extra car and house keys. Maybe most important, your prescription medications.**

**Battery-powered radio and cell phone charger, spare batteries, flashlights, plastic bags, toiletries, clothing and blankets.**

**First Aid kit or essential medical supplies to stop bleeding and do basic wound care.**

**If you are instructed by the authority having jurisdiction to evacuate, DO IT. Move out as quickly as possible. When you delay evacuation, emergency services now must rescue you. This is a situation that can be avoided by following directions.**

**You may need to know evacuation routes, where to go and what your schools evacuation policy is.**

**When authorities tell you to evacuate, you need your disaster kit (no time to make one now) and sturdy clothing. Lock up your house and if time permits turn off gas, electric and water. Follow evacuation routes; do not make up your own route. Stay alert to your surroundings. Patience and cooperation will be necessary for a safe evacuation.**

**For more information contact the Red Cross and or the emergency management agency. Your local Fire and EMS departments will also be able to assist you.**

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