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Short Term Emergency Check List

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ESSENTIALS:

- Flashlight
- Battery-operated radio
- 2-way radio or other form of communication
- Extra Batteries
- First Aid Kit (one for your home and one for each car)

Note: As a precaution, do not include candles. Candles cause more fires after a disaster.

WATER:

- 3 gallons of water per person, minimum, in a food-grade, plastic container.
- Water purification tablets
- Additional water for sanitation

FOOD:

- Minimum 5-day supply of non-perishable food that requires no refrigeration or preparation and little or no water.

- Dry cereal
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables
- Canned juice
- Ready-to-eat canned meats
- Ready-to-eat soups (not concentrated)
- Quick energy snacks

SANITATION:

- Disinfectant
- Household chlorine bleach
- Soap, liquid detergent
- Toilet paper, towelettes, paper towels
- Personal hygiene items
- Cloth towels (at least 3)
- Feminine supplies
- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation use)

CLOTHING:

- Plastic garbage bags, ties
- Sunglasses
- Rain gear
- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Complete change of clothing and footwear per person

TOOLS & SUPPLIES:

- Whistle
- Aluminum foil
- Crowbar

- Compass
- Paper, pencil
- Plastic sheeting
- Medicine dropper
- Needles, thread
- Signal flare
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Assorted nails, wood screws
- Pliers, screwdriver, hammer
- Plastic storage containers
- Heavy cotton or hemp rope
- Cash, traveler's checks, change
- Map of the area
- Non-electric can opener, utility knife
- Cell phone with charger
- Mess kits, or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Tape, duct tape and plumber's tape or strap iron
- Patch kit and can of seal-in-air for tires
- Shut off wrench, to turn off household gas and water

FOR BABY:

- Formula
- Diapers
- Bottles
- Medication
- Powdered milk
- Baby food

PETS:

- Food, water
- Non-tippable food and water containers
- Leash, harness, carrier
- Records of vaccinations
- Pet medications

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS:

- Important telephone numbers
- Record of bank account numbers
- Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)
- Inventory of household valuables
- Copy of will, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stock and bonds
- Records of credit card account numbers and companies
- Copy of passport, social security cards and immunization records

FAMILY MEDICAL NEEDS:

- Insulin
- Prescription drugs in original containers
- Heart and high blood pressure needs
- Denture needs
- Extra eye glasses
- Contact lenses and supplies

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- Family photos
- Jewelry
- Irreplaceable personal items

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