

Build an Emergency Kit

If you had no power, no running water, and no way to go to the store for three days, could your family survive?

If the answer is no, you need to build an emergency kit. Your kit should have at least a three day supply of the following:

- **WATER**, 1 gallon per person, per day
- **FOOD**, non-perishable
- **BATTERY POWERED RADIO**
- **FIRST AID KIT**
- **FLASHLIGHT** and **EXTRA BATTERIES**
- **WRENCH** or **PLIERS**, to turn off utilities
- **IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS**, including ID and insurance papers
- **SPECIAL NEEDS**, consider your special needs and what additional items are essentials to include in your kit.
- **PET KIT**, water, food, sanitation items, crate, first aid kit, medicines & medical records, id tag, collar & leash, toys, a picture of you & your pet

You may want to consider making a second, lighter kit that will be easier to take with you in an evacuation.

For more information on emergency kits, please visit



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Are You Ready?

A MONTANAN'S GUIDE TO PREPARING FOR DISASTERS



Have a Plan

Whether it is planning fire escape routes at home or creating an emergency kit, preparing saves lives. You and your family should have a plan for the following:

Communications Plan



Your family may not all be together when a disaster strikes, so planning how to contact one another is important. Depending on the incident, phone systems may make it difficult to place a local call, so appoint an out-of-state contact that everyone can call or email. (See far right.)

Evacuation Plan



Plan ahead and know where your family will go in the event of an evacuation. Choose several different locations that are in different directions so you have options in the event of a disaster. Listen to official information from local authorities when deciding to stay or evacuate.

Will you or someone you know need extra help in an emergency? Local officials on scene may not be able to immediately assist you. Create a personal support network of people who will be able to assist you in a disaster.

If you have to evacuate, take your emergency kit with you. (See inside flap.)



Take your pets with you also. Remember, only Service Animals are permitted at most shelters. Prepare a plan and kit for your pets now. Research to find area hotels, kennels and veterinarians that will allow pets in an emergency.

Remember, planning takes practice. Test your plan before you need it.

Getting Involved

Did you know that there are volunteers who work to keep your community safe? They are members of your local Citizen Corps. As FEMA's grassroots strategy, Citizen Corps engages us to play a role in keeping our hometowns safe and secure.

Visit the Governor's Office of Community Service at ready.mt.gov to find out how to become involved with your local Citizen Corps. You will also learn how to participate in Map Your Neighborhood and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainings. These trainings will empower you to build and strengthen disaster readiness among your neighborhood and community.



Family Communications Plan

Fill out the information below. Give a copy to everyone in your family and place one copy in your emergency kit.

Out-of-State Contact

NAME _____ CITY/STATE _____

DAY PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Family Members

1. NAME _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

2. NAME _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

3. NAME _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

4. NAME _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

School/Daycare/Work Information

1. SCHOOL/DAYCARE/WORK _____ PHONE _____

EVACUATION LOCATION _____

2. SCHOOL/DAYCARE/WORK _____ PHONE _____

EVACUATION LOCATION _____

3. SCHOOL/DAYCARE/WORK _____ PHONE _____

EVACUATION LOCATION _____

4. SCHOOL/DAYCARE/WORK _____ PHONE _____

EVACUATION LOCATION _____

Reunion Locations

1. NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING PLACE _____

2. OUTSIDE THE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING PLACE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

ROUTE TO TRY FIRST _____

For More Information Contact:



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