

- **Personal Items** – comfort and hygiene items like a change of clothing, toiletries, hand sanitizer, blankets, games, puzzles and books.
- **Clean Air Supplies** – masks to cover nose and mouth, plastic sheeting, and duct tape in case the air is hazardous or contaminated.
- **Lighting & Communication** – flashlights, portable radio, extra batteries, cell phone charger, and a whistle.
- **Evacuation Supplies** – road maps and basic tools for car repair.

Special needs items:

- **For Babies** – formula, diapers, bottles, powdered milk, medications, baby wipes and diaper rash ointment.
- **For Adults** – consult a doctor about prescription drugs; include supplies for dentures, contact lenses and hearing aids. Plan for continuing special treatments, such as dialysis.
- **For Pets** – a 3-day supply of food and water, leash, crate, vaccination records, cleaning supplies, ID tags, and current photos in case you are separated.

3. GET INFORMED

Whether it is a severe storm or manmade disaster, you need to stay informed. Know what types of emergencies are common in your area and how to prepare for those conditions. Ask local officials about the threats that face your area and how to best prepare for them.

Find sources that will keep you up-to-date on the situation. Learn the difference between a watch and a warning. A watch means that dangerous conditions are possible. A warning means it's about to happen; seek shelter now. Local television, radio and NOAA Weather Radio should provide emergency weather information. You can find additional resources online.

Summary

Basic preparation can help keep your family safe in any type of emergency. Make a plan and gather essentials now to avoid a truly disastrous situation. You never know when a disaster will strike. Be prepared.

Go to TexasPrepares.org today, or dial 2-1-1 for more information.

WHEN DISASTER
HITS
WILL YOU BE
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**READY
OR NOT?**

HAVE A PLAN

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