



EMERGENCY SUPPLIES and WATER

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security recommends taking a few simple steps to prepare for an earthquake or other disaster, including putting together an emergency supply kit and storing enough water for at least 72 hours. The list below includes basic necessities, but it's important to consider individual and family needs in order to create a kit that will meet those needs.

Basic Emergency Supply Checklist

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Water –1 gallon per person per day <input type="checkbox"/> Non-perishable food and non-electric can opener <input type="checkbox"/> Battery powered radio and extra batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights (one per person) and extra batteries <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit, including manual <input type="checkbox"/> Spare eyeglasses <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription medications <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle to signal for help <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy gloves for clearing debris <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/eating necessities, including cups, plates, utensils and paper towels <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of important family documents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of Drivers License, Passport, Social Security, Birth Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> ABC fire extinguisher <input type="checkbox"/> Local maps <input type="checkbox"/> Cash (small bills and change) <input type="checkbox"/> Dust masks to help filter contaminated air <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place <input type="checkbox"/> Personal sanitation items (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper and garbage bags for waste <input type="checkbox"/> Tool kit, including wrench to turn off utilities <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy gloves for clearing debris <input type="checkbox"/> Food and water for pets |
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Water Treatment

Commercially sold bottled water requires no treatment prior to storage. To treat tap water for storage, use liquid household chlorine bleach that contains 5.25% sodium hypochlorite according to the chart below:

Amount of water	Amount of bleach to add to clear water	Amount of bleach to add to cloudy/dirty water
1 gallon	8 drops	16 drops
5 gallons	1/2 teaspoon	1 teaspoon

After you add the bleach, thoroughly mix by stirring or shaking the container. Let the water stand for 30 minutes before using. A slight chlorine odor should be noticeable in the water; if not, add another dosage of bleach and allow the water to stand another 15 minutes before using. The water can also be treated with the use of water purification tablets that can be purchased at most outdoors or sporting goods stores. Follow the directions for use on the package you purchase. Treat only enough water to meet your needs for 48 hours at a time. There is an increased chance of recontamination if the treated water sits for more than 48 hours. Refrigeration will also help prevent recontamination.



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