

No one can predict just how long flood waters will remain. If you evacuate from your home, it's a good idea to plan and prepare for at least two weeks. Here are a few items that you may want to pack in preparation of any storms, floods, or emergencies. This is a list of suggested items, per the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

Water – at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days

Food – at least enough for 3 to 7 days, including:

- any special food needed for dietary purposes
- non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices
- snack foods
- non-electric can opener
- cooking tools / fuel
- paper plates / plastic utensils

Written instructions for care and medication

- list of all medications and their dosages
- list of all doctors
- list of the styles and serial numbers of medical devices you use

First Aid Kit – medicines / prescription drugs including:

- an extra supply of required prescription medications (you should have medication for at least two weeks)
- extra oxygen if necessary
- adhesive bandages
- bug repellent
- burn cream
- aspirin
- pain relievers
- rubbing alcohol
- hydrogen peroxide

Extra Set of Eyeglasses and Hearing Aid Batteries

Blankets / Pillows, etc.

Clothing – seasonal /rain gear/ sturdy shoes

Toiletries – hygiene items / moisture wipes

Flashlights – each family member should have their own flashlight.

Batteries

Radio – a hand-cranked or solar powered radio is ideal; if using a battery operated radio, buy at least seven sets of batteries for the kit

Telephones – fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set

Cash and Credit Cards – banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods; make sure cash is in small bills

Extra Set of Keys – home and car

Toys, Books and Games

Important documents – in a waterproof container or watertight re-sealable plastic bag

- extra copies of medical insurance documents and Medicare/Medicaid cards
- other insurance records (home, car, etc.)
- medical records
- bank account numbers
- Social Security card, etc.

Tools – keep a set with you during the storm; gather together sheets of plastic, tools, nails, duct tape and paint

Vehicle fuel tanks filled

Pet care items

- proper identification / immunization records / medications
- ample supply of food and water
- carrier or cage
- muzzle and leash

Whistle

People with mobility disabilities should consider including the following in their emergency kit:

- Pair of heavy gloves to use while wheeling or making your way over glass and debris
- Extra battery for your motorized wheelchair or scooter
- Jumper cables or specific recharging device to be connected to an automobile's cigarette lighter
- Patch kit or can of "seal-in-air product" to repair flat tires
- Spare cane or walker
- Food, medicine, favorite toy, and other care items for your service animal
- Plastic bags, disposable gloves and other items for the animal's care

People with sensory disabilities should consider including the following in their emergency kit:

- Pad of paper with pens or pencils for writing notes
- Extra batteries for tape recorders, portable TTYs, etc.
- Extra pair of eye glasses
- Extra pair of dark glasses, if medically required
- Extra set of hearing-aid batteries
- Folding mobility cane
- Food, medicine and favorite toy for your service animal
- Plastic bags, disposable gloves and other items for the animal's care

People with developmental or cognitive disabilities should consider including the following in their emergency kit:

- Alternate power source or spare batteries for communication device
- Paper and writing materials