



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

72-Hour Emergency Financial Kit

After a natural or man-made disaster, financial systems may be affected for an extended period of time. Use the checklist below to better prepare yourself and loved ones for unforeseen financial challenges following an emergency.

Emergency Cash

Your emergency financial kit should include a sufficient amount of cash to get you through the emergency period. You will need cash to purchase food, gas and other emergency supplies. Store emergency cash in small bills – ones, fives, and tens are best as exact change will be required.

Keep an extra credit card with available credit on hand for emergency funds. Another option is traveler's checks (*keep a record of the traveler's check serial numbers in a safe location.*)

Important Documents

You will also need insurance policies, birth certificates, and other vital records after disasters. This personal information is necessary for insurance claims and other matters. Take steps **NOW** to protect these important papers. Keep important items and documents and/or copies of them in a safe deposit box, fireproof storage box, freezer or another safe place.

Store important documents such as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Social security cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Stocks and bonds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificates | <input type="checkbox"/> Bank account books |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage and death records | <input type="checkbox"/> Wills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drivers' license | <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of valuables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Health history, allergies, blood types |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance policies | <input type="checkbox"/> Recent photos for I.D. purposes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recent income tax returns | <input type="checkbox"/> Video or photo documentation will facilitate insurance claims. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage or rental receipts | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paycheck stubs | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deeds | |

Storage Tips:

Options for safely storing valuables and important documents include:

- Fireproof storage box or safe deposit box
- Freezer (*tightly seal documents in a freezer bag*)
- The home of your out-of-state contact (*send only copies of documents, not the originals*)



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