**Prepare an all-hazards supply kit**

**Prepare your Go-Kit**

Having a basic survival kit ready to sustain yourself and your family after an emergency is an essential part of preparation.

Think first about basic survival needs: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth. Store your supplies in a portable container as close as possible to an exit and review the contents of your kit a few times a year The change between daylight savings and standard time and back again are a good reminder.

Start your kit by reviewing the lists below. Don't get overwhelmed and budget by picking up one or two items on each shopping trip/

**Food service needs**

* Drinking water: 1 gallon per person per day; 3 to 7 day supply
* Non-perishable food that meets your dietary requirements: 3 to 7 day supply
* Manual can opener or po- top cans/containers and eating utensils
* Juice/soft drinks/instant coffee or tea
* Plastic wrap/zip-top bags/garbage bags
* Paper plates, cups, aluminum foil
* Cooler for food storage and ice
* Lighter/matches, pots/pans
* Camp stove or grill – outdoor use only

**Personal items**

* Sleeping bags, pillows, blankets
* Lawn chairs, folding chairs, cots
* Personal hygiene items, including toothbrush, soap, deodorant, denture care and so on
* List of emergency contact information
* Prescriptions and over the counter medications
* Spare glasses, contacts, cleaning solution
* Extra hearing aid batteries
* Baby/infant needs, such as diapers, formula, extra clothes and more
* Rain gear, hot and cold weather clothing
* Closed-toe work shoes, no sandals

**Sanitation/cleaning supplies**

* Water for cleaning
* Unscented bleach to disinfect water
* Rubber gloves
* Wet wipes and waterless hand sanitizer
* Toilet paper, paper towels, sanitary supplies
* Filter face masks (Dust Mask)
* Assorted cleaners and disinfectants
* Brooms, mops, towels and rags
* Bucket with tight fitting lid for emergency toilet

**Pets and service animals**

* Water - 1 gallon per day for each animal; 7 day supply
* Cage or carrier for each animal
* Food and treats
* Toys and comfort items
* Cleaning supplies
* Immunization records, photos

**Basic safety equipment**

* NOAA Weather Radio
* First aid kit and instruction book
* Landline telephone, which does not require batteries or electricity
* Battery-powered television, radio, clock
* Flashlights
* Extra batteries
* Chemical Light Sticks to replace candles
* Whistle to signal for help if needed

**Basic tools**

* Basic tool kit, including hammer, wrenches, screwdrivers, pliers, and so on
* Specialized tools for water and gas valves.
* Plastic tarps with grommets or roll plastic sheeting
* Assorted screws, nails or other fasteners
* Duct tape
* Canvas or leather work gloves

**Miscellaneous items**

* Spare keys for home, vehicles, boats, etc.
* Important papers
* ID, including driver's license, insurance cards, etc.
* Cash, credit cards, coins, checks
* Prepaid telephone cards
* Pens, pencils and paper
* Maps and evacuation information
* Keepsakes, significant photos, etc.
* Books, games and other quiet entertainment

**Medical equipment**

* Medical equipment and assistive devices
* Cooler with an ice pack if medications need to be refrigerated
* Medical alert tags or bracelets to identify your disability-related need

**Disinfect water with bleach**

Use household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper: 9 parts water to 1 part bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Use 16 drops of bleach to 1 gallon of water to treat water in an emergency, but do not use scented, color safe, or bleaches with added cleaners.

This supply kit is a good start, but depending on your situation, you may need more or less items to survive after an emergency.

Another good idea is to use a container or suitcase with rollers to store and move your kit.  
  
Emergency responders may not be able to get to you immediately after a disaster. Being prepared means choosing to be a hurricane survivor.