Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

The following list provides the basic supplies you should have on hand in case of an emergency. Keep these items in a rugged but easy to carry container such as a large covered trash can, overnight backpack or duffel bag. Keep smaller versions of the kit in the trunk of your car and at work. If you become stranded or are not able to return home, having some items will help you to be more comfortable until help arrives. Store your kit in a structurally sound location.

- Water - one to three gallons per person per day, for drinking, cooking and sanitary needs.
- Food - ready to eat, non-perishable, high-protein, high-calorie foods that you enjoy (peanut butter, canned meats, energy bars, canned fruits and vegetables, etc.).
- First aid kit and first aid reference guide.
- Portable battery-operated radio and spare batteries.
- Flashlights and spare batteries.
- List of emergency contacts.
- Blankets, extra clothing, sturdy shoes and gloves.
- Can opener (non-electric).
- Five days or more of critical medications, an extra pair of eyeglasses, copies of important documents and comfort items such as toys, books and games.
- Food and water for pets.
- Map of local area in case evacuation is necessary.
- Crescent wrench for utility shut-off.
- Duct tape and plastic sheeting or large plastic garbage bags.
- Extra cash and coins for emergency purchases and pay phones.