



DISASTER KIT SUPPLY GUIDE

Major storms and natural disasters can leave Americans in impacted areas without power for hours, even days. Instead of waiting until a weather warning is issued, residents should stockpile supplies and store them year-round, just in case.

Mercury Insurance has created a checklist of necessary and useful items to keep in your pantry, basement, closet and/or vehicle to help you get through the next disaster.

- Water** – FEMA recommends keeping a three-day supply of water – 3 gallons of water per person – and we also recommend you keep water stocked in your vehicle in case you're stranded away from home when disaster strikes.
- Food** – Stock at least three days worth of non-perishable food. Stash some food supplies in your vehicle in case you're stranded away from home.
- Batteries and Light Sources** – If the electricity is out, batteries can be your best friend, powering flashlights, battery-powered lanterns, headlamps and radios.
- Emergency Radio** – A radio will help you stay abreast of the news and developing situation if the power goes out.
- Cellphone Chargers** – Bag up a couple of cellphone chargers and consider purchasing a solar charger in case the power is out.
- First-Aid Kit** – Pre-made first-aid kits contain the essentials, or you can [customize a kit for your needs](#).
- Gasoline** – If you own a generator, you'll need fuel reserves. Store gas containers in a ventilated and shady enclosure and avoid low liquid levels because vapor can build up within the container.
- Camp Stove and Fuel** – Camp stoves are great for when power or gas goes out. They're fuel-efficient, easily storable and portable.
- Pet Supplies** – Prepare emergency supplies for pets, including water, food, medications, a leash, treats, comfort items and kennels in case your home becomes a hazard and you need to evacuate.
- Personal Hygiene Items** – Personal hygiene is imperative in emergency situations like hurricanes, floods and earthquakes, according to the Center for Disease Control.
- Multi-Tool** – You never know when you'll need a knife, screwdriver, spare can opener or scissors – they're quite handy.

This disaster preparedness checklist will provide you with the *basic necessities* for three days. Remember that while you can't control the weather, you can prepare for it.