

# IF DISASTER STRIKES, WILL YOU BE READY?

You can get Ready in three simple steps:



## Be Informed About Disasters

Monitor news and weather, and identify the potential threats to your community.

- Be weather aware: have a way to receive alerts at home, at work and on-the-go
- Know appropriate responses to disasters
- Learn emergency plans and evacuation routes for your county and workplace, and ask how your child's school communicates in a crisis



## Create an Emergency Plan

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan in advance.

- How will you contact and reunite with family members, even if you don't have power?
- Where will you go if you need to evacuate?
- Plan for a variety of emergency situations



## Build a Ready Kit of Supplies

Include basic items for survival.

- Three-day supply of non-perishable food and water
- First aid kit, flashlight and batteries
- Emergency charging option for mobile phones and devices
- NOAA weather radio
- Consider seniors, family members with special needs and pets

Visit [gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgia](http://gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgia)

to create a customized emergency plan and learn more about getting your family Ready.



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## Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Ready Kit:

- q Water: At least three gallons per person, for drinking and hygiene
- q Food: At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- q Can opener: For food, if kit contains canned food
- q Radio: Battery-powered or hand-crank NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries
- q Emergency charging option for mobile phones and devices
- q Flashlight and extra batteries
- q First aid kit
- q Whistle: To signal for help
- q Face mask: To help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place
- q Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties: For personal hygiene
- q Wrench or pliers: To turn off utilities
- q Local maps



## Additional Items to Consider Adding to a Ready Kit:

- q Prescription medications and glasses
- q Infant formula and diapers
- q Extra food and water for your pet
- q Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- q Cash or traveler's checks and change
- q Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from Ready.gov
- q Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider adding bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate
- q Complete change of clothing. Include a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider adding clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate
- q Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper
- q Fire extinguisher
- q Matches in a waterproof container
- q Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- q Mess kits, paper cups, plates, plastic utensils, paper towels
- q Paper and pencil
- q Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

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