

GET READY! Kent County

Twelve Month Citizen Preparedness Program

Fact Sheet

OCTOBER: EMERGENCY SUPPLIES KIT

Disasters happen anytime and anywhere.

When disaster strikes, it is easier to cope when you are prepared. GET READY! Kent County recommends creating an Emergency Supplies Kit.

BASIC SUPPLIES AND TOOLS

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery powered radio and extra batteries
- Cash or traveler's checks, loose change
(if power is out, ATMs will not work)
- A whistle to signal for help
- First aid kit
- Emergency reference material
(such as a first aid book)
- Napkins, paper cups, plates, plastic utensils, can opener, re-sealing bags
- Paper towels
- Map of the area and key phone numbers
- Fire extinguisher (small ABC canister)
- Signal flare
- Tube tent or tarp
- Pliers, shovel and other useful tools
- Compass
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Dust mask and work gloves
- Paper and pencils
- Shut-off wrench (to turn off household gas and water)
- Plastic sheeting, duct tape, scissors
- Utility knife

CLOTHING AND BEDDING

- Jackets or coats
- Long pants
- Long sleeved shirts
- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- Hats and gloves
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person in the household

Note: Rethink your clothing at least once a year to account for growing children, the change in seasons/temperature, and other conditions.

SANITATION

- Plastic garbage bags, ties and toilet paper for personal sanitation
- Feminine hygiene supplies
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Disinfectant
- Household bleach to treat drinking water

Where can I find these items?

Local retail stores will have most of these items.

How much will this cost?

The cost will depend on the number of people in your household, the use of items that you already own, and new purchases. You may have many of these items on hand already.

Tips for success....

Store your kit in a convenient place known to everyone in your household.

Keep items in an easy to carry container, such as a plastic storage container, wheeled suitcase, or a duffel bag.

Rethink your kit and household needs at least once a year. Replace batteries, update clothes, etc.

For more information....

Visit www.ready.gov and www.redcross.org/prepare

