



Put the “Go” In Your Go Bag!

- 1.** Put your Go Bag together *long before* a wildfire or other disaster occurs.
- 2.** Keep your Go Bag handy. In an emergency, you don't want to be scratching your head, wondering, *“Now where did I put that Go Bag?”*
- 3.** Have *one for each person* in your household.

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The important thing is to just **START!**
You can always add to your Go Bag over time.

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BUILDING YOUR GO BAG

Backpack or Suitcase?

Backpacks are easy to keep with you, e.g., if you need to go to an Evacuation Center. Suitcases on wheels are easier to use for some people and roomier.

- Choose non-flammable fabrics
- For backpacks, an interior frame is helpful



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Respirator and Goggles

Choose respirators that filter both particulates and VOCs

- Respirator (e.g., the Breath Buddy or 3M 6000 series)
- Particulate and vapor/VOC filters for the respirator
- In case you cannot include a respirator, take several N95 or P100 particulate masks. They're not as effective but are far better than nothing.
- Goggles
- Razor for men who need to shave beards to get a respirator to seal

Clothing - Cotton or Wool (Leather for Shoes and Gloves)

Pack these or have them ready-to-go in a designated spot. Choose clothes that can withstand embers - not polyester or nylon! If a lot of embers falling, leather gloves can help you brush them off your clothing. Hats help protect your face. Embers often fall up to a mile away from the fire and sometimes much farther.

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- Underwear and PJs
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- Hat and leather gloves
- Sturdy shoes and long socks
- A change of clothes

Meds & Related

Pack duplicates of any medication you regularly take. If you or someone in your household needs them, also keep a cane, wheelchair, walker, etc. where you can get them quickly.

- Prescription or special medication, e.g., diabetes medication
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses, hearing aids, batteries
- Medical devices, e.g., CPAP machine, cane
- First aid kit and book on how to use it
- Sanitary supplies



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Food, Water, Etc.

- Pack a longer-term supply of food and water in a separate container on wheels. Plan enough for 3 days.
 - Non-perishable food. Good choices include jerky, peanut butter, applesauce, etc. Dehydrated backpacking-type food works well.
 - 3 gallons of water per person. Alternatively, or in addition, you might want to bring a portable water filtration system.
- Pack small bottles of water, jerky, energy bars, etc., in the Go Bag
- Mess kits (cups, plates, utensils, paper towels)
- Can opener if needed
- Pet food and water and bowls, collars with ID and rabies tags, and leashes
- Garbage bags and ties, zip locks, moist towelettes

Other Essentials

Include a map marked with at least two evacuation routes and any shelter-in-place spots you've identified ahead of time. It's a good idea to pack local maps too as cell towers (and GPS) may be out of commission.

- Maps with evacuation routes and shelter-in-place spots marked
- Extra set of car, house, and RV keys
- Credit cards, cash, and /or traveler's checks
- Cell phone and charger
- Flashlight and batteries
- Swiss army knife
- Whistle
- Compass
- Matches in waterproof container
- Battery-powered radio and batteries or hand-cranked radio
- Emergency blankets (the silvery kind)
- If you can, also pack sleeping bags, pads, tarps



Vital Documents

- Driver's license
- Birth certificates
- Passports
- Wills
- Medical records,
- Insurance policies
- Proof of residency (insurance cards, utility bills, etc.)
- Ownership documentation for pets, e.g., name, rabies and license tags (it's a good idea to have pets micro-chipped ahead of time too)

If Time and Space Allow, Also Take...

- Your purse or wallet
- Easily carried valuables, such as family photos and other irreplaceable items
- Computer data on hard drives and disks (also store offsite or in the "cloud")
- Laptop and charger
- Fire extinguisher
- Shovel
- Porta-potti (tent and ground cloth too if time allows!)
- Paper, pens, pencils, games or books (for extended evacuations)

Ready to GO!

