Grab & Go Bag

Your Grab & Go Bag contains those things you want to take with you that will help keep you and your family safe during an evacuation, as well as help speed your recovery from a disaster. Most items from this kit will easily fit into a medium size duffle bag or backpack.

Put your Grab & Go Bag in a designated place and make sure all family members know where their bags are kept. Add to the list as you see fit. Original documents such as birth, marriage and death records should be stored digitally or away from home, such as in a safe deposit box.

Assemble a backpack for each member of the family.

Suggested list for one family member:

- A copy of your Grab and Go Checklist, also known as the Top 10 list of irreplaceable possessions that you will add to your Grab & Go Bag just before you evacuate. Note the item and where it is located in your house to save time.
- Emergency Contact information for each member of the family including your designated out-of-area contact
- A copy of the Evacuation Plan Checklist to guide you during evacuation
- Basic personal hygiene items for all family members (washing, shaving, dental, eye-care, sanitary)
- Water bottle & snacks
- Cash in small denominations
- Small first aid kit
- Extra eyeglasses and hearing aid batteries
- Prescription medications for a minimum of 2-3 days
- Special items as needed for infants, elderly, or disabled family members
- Family photos, special documents store on thumb drive or portable hard drive
- Flashlight, headlamp, battery-operated radio, extra batteries and extra cell phone charger
- Safety goggles, cotton gloves and an N95 mask to protect against smoke and heat in case of evacuating during a large fire
- Small bottle of hand sanitizer and COVID face mask
- One change of clothes (focus on socks and underwear first)
- Pet leash and/or carrying box and small amount of pet food

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