

Evacuation Check Lists

Things that I packed, things that I should have packed, and extras that would have been nice.

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Take photos of all important papers w/ #'s

Cat litter & box, litter scoop, & bag of cat food

Harbor Freight LED light that they give away - lights a whole room

Small tea light (battery) lights the bathroom

Family trust

Taxes, receipt folder

A warm jacket (When the fire started, it was 90 degrees outside and I didn't think to bring a jacket. Then it turned cold - rats!)

My daughter wanted to help me pack up so she said to write my list of things including the room and location of the items. I broke the list into essential items and not so essential but desired if there was time and room in the car.

Next time I'd bring works in progress

Flash lights & batteries - rotate so batteries are fresh

Critical paperwork - social security card, passport, driver's license, insurance policies, critical medical reports, copy of phone book, copy of open accts (cc/bank/savings), birth certificate

Headlamp helpful and battery operated radio for those in the dark for five days

Passwords for computer

Vet's #

Airbnb open homes

Empty "pill" bottle to use as a "sharps" container; for diabetics this is a must for sharp finger stick items and testing strips

Put name & cell # on all items

Get your Dr & pharmacist to make you a 10-day or 2 week "go pack"; keep a list of your meds in your go bag

Send a copy of the above to someone out of the area

Sleeping bag & sheet & pillow

Folding and/or camp chair, especially if you have problems with mobility and/or getting out of a chair

Basic first aid kit

Hot/cold cups for each family member labeled w/ name

Activity items: pack of cards, puzzle books, etc.

Cell phone external charger

Cell phone (computer) charging cords dedicated to the go bag

Zip bags - gal/bigger, garbage bags 13 gal & bigger

Marking pen

Small ziplock for business cards & #'s

Pads of paper, coloring crayon/pencils

Photos on CD's or Drives

Kinetic powered or hand-cranked radio/flashlight

Dedicated address/phone book in bag

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Castile soap, good for hair, skin, clothes, etc.

Pet food, litter box

Bucket

Warm jacket, socks, shoes, underwear, PJ's

Tool kit: hammer, Phillips & regular screwdrivers, needle nose & other pliers

Camp stove with fuel and pot

Books to read/share

Computer hard drive

Treats for family & others like tootsie rolls

I already have in my car a complete change of clothing from underwear to sweatshirt. I just keep it in my car.

Tea and/or coffee bags

Snacks, doggie bags, more clothes, jewelry

Lotion, hand cleaner

Hint: freeze 1 gallon water jugs - put in fridge when they cut the power.

Computer power cord, hubby forgot his razor, socks would be nice

FOR EACH PERSON, A LEGIBLE LISTING of name, address, DOB, MD, medical challenges, and all meds, dosages, times taken & reason for meds. Include contacts for additional help. PS - this is a GREAT THING to take to the ER with you anytime you need help! And makes you a friend of the Triage Nurse and treating Doctors...

Saw a great tip in the paper for knowing how much the food in your freezer thawed. 1. Fill a small jar halfway with water, 2. Freeze it, 3. Open the jar & put a penny on top of the ice block. Close the jar again & put it back in the freezer with the penny on top of the ice, 4. If the freezer thaws & the ice melts, the penny will drop to the bottom of the jar. If the freezer thaws part way, the penny will be tilted or partway into the ice.

Recipe box

My jewelry, more clothes, important papers

2 lists in 2 different locations for evacuation list

Phone chargers

Copy of last year's taxes

Money

Scan all important documents onto a flash drive - give a copy to a trusted person who lives out of the area.

Solar yard lights for night light at night

Back up power supply for charging phones

Trash bags

Pets - have all pet records in case pets need to be boarded out of the area. Our vet was evacuated, so info wouldn't have been available

Food handler/rubber gloves

Doggies, dog food, water dish, sleeping bag, pillow, bills, postage stamps, deed to house, last mortgage statement, snacks, water, medications,

Phone charger for outlet & car

Write down (in advance) phone numbers of family outside CA to designate as check-in people (so you don't get 10,000 calls)

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change of clothes, quilts, art work, paintings, book, wine (corkscrew), chocolate

Have electronics all in one place - hard drives, computers, cameras, video cameras, back up drive

Empty everything in safe: passports, jewelry, will, tax papers (scan ahead of time), 1 month of bills - need #'s, due date & all #'s

Clothes, 3-day min.

Electronics & chargers

Back up drive

Photos (scan ahead of time)

Sewing machine

Take photos of everything in house for insurance

Bottled water in freezer

Musical instruments

Ham radios

Passport

Safe deposit keys

Silver chest

Take photos of all belongings for insurance

Keep BBQ lighter by gas stove

Bottled water in freezer to maintain coolness longer

Scissors. Amazing how many things needed to be opened with scissors.

Small zipper bags for scooping cat litter droppings into or picking up dog droppings.

Don't forget your litter scoop for scooping the cat litter.

Don't forget collar and leash for your dog (my neighbor did).

Cat and/or dog toys.

A small scratching post for the cat(s). [We found one that was about 4" wide by 14" long by 2" high and weighed mere ounces. My cats loved it. And it saved carpet and furniture.]

Kitchen garbage bag(s). I used one to put my used litter pan in (to bring it home). Lots of other uses, too.

Lots of underwear and socks. Easy to wear tops and pants another day. Not so much with undies and socks.

Flashlights, lanterns, and extra batteries. And even more batteries.

Your password list (if you have one -- print it out now and put it in your bag).

A copy of last year's tax returns.

And a note on your calendar to check your Go Bag every 6 months. Things expire.

PERSONAL: clothing including undies, belts, jackets, hiking boots, jewelry, medications!, glasses (vision), hearing aids, batteries, med card case, quilts, quilt pix

HOUSE: Pix on DVD, checkbook, trust binder, tax folder, ins/bank account samples, Quicken backup, Komadina bible, travel pillow, recipe box, binder, pictures from wall, wedding pix

PETS: cat carriers, litter boxes, medications, food