

EMERGENCY EVACUATION: IMPORTANT ITEMS TO GATHER

In a **5-Minute Warning for evacuation**, prioritize grabbing essential items like wallet, keys, phone, chargers, medications, and identification. Also include a change of clothes, first aid kit, and any necessary items for pets. A small amount of emergency cash and a map with evacuation routes are also very helpful.

Essentials:

- **Wallet/purse, emergency cash (small bills), credit cards, identification, keys:** These are your personal essentials.
- **Cell phones, chargers, car charger:** Stay connected and keep your devices powered.
- **Prescriptions or special medications:** Ensure you have any necessary medical items.
- **Change of clothes for the season:** Be prepared for various conditions.
- **Map marked with evacuation routes:** Know how to get out safely.
- **Emergency Contact List:** Phone numbers/contacts to communicate plans and that you are okay.

Other Helpful Items:

- **Checkbook, bills:** If you need to pay for anything.
- **Hearing aids, glasses, magnifiers:** If you need them.
- **Baby items (if applicable):** Diapers, wipes, formula, etc.
- **Pets, leashes, carriers:** Don't leave your furry friends behind.
- **Bottled water and non-perishable food (granola bars, etc.):** For sustenance.
- **Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, wet wipes):** Maintain cleanliness.
- **Flashlight, hand-crank or battery-operated radio, extra batteries:** For power outages.
- **N95 mask (to protect from dust/smoke):** Protect your lungs.
- **Bedding or sleeping bags:** For comfort during evacuation.
- **Cameras and batteries:** Document the situation.
- **Things to keep you or your pets occupied (books, toys):** For entertainment and stress reduction during the evacuation.

A **15-Minute Evacuation List** prioritizes additional items to grab quickly in an emergency, after securing the 5-minute evacuation list priorities first, and includes gathering important documents, first aid supplies, and other necessities. It's crucial to have this list readily available and to practice grabbing these items with speed and efficiency.

Recommend:

- **Important Documents:** Keep important documents like IDs, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies, online passwords, and titles in a secure, easy-to-access location.
- **First Aid/Medications:** Pack any over-the-counter medications and supplies to handle basic first aid care with essential supplies like bandages, antiseptic wipes, and pain relievers.
- **Personal Items:** Include glasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, and any other items you need for daily living.
- **Pet Supplies:** Don't forget pet food, water, and any necessary medications for your pets.
- **Coats/Jackets, Rain Ponchos, Shoes/Socks:** Include an additional layer of clothes, comfortable shoes and extra socks, hats and cold seasonal gear.
- **Water:** One gallon per person per day for several days.
- **Shelter:** A tent or tarp, sleeping bag, and emergency blankets.
- **Flashlights and Batteries:** Have flashlights, headlamps, and extra batteries on hand.
- **Tools:** A multi-tool, knife, Firestarter, can opener.
- **Hygiene:** Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, feminine products, garbage bags.
- **Safety:** Glow sticks, hand warmers, gloves.
- **Whistle:** Include a whistle for signaling in emergencies.
- **Comfort Items:** For your or your children, include comfort items like favorite toys or books.

If you have **30-Minutes or more** to evacuate, additional items to grab could include:

- **Computer, monitor, laptop:** Include thumb drives/external drive, cords/surge protector.
- **School Items:** Homework, pens and pencils, paper, books, calculator.
- **Take or safeguard guns/ammo:** Some shelters will not allow these.
- **Jewelry/valuable possessions:** Photos, genealogy records, heirlooms, military decorations, journals/diaries/letters, personal property list with photos/appraisals/documentation.
- **Comfort Items:** Ice cooler, food, drinks, special diet items, paper plates, cups, utensils.
- **Personal Items:** Cosmetics, shaving items, towels, shampoo, soap.
- **Secure Home & Property:** Turn off air conditioning, close windows and doors, turn off utilities, and unlock gates that might impede first responders from protecting your property.