

GRAB 'N GO BAG

Emergency Evacuation Bag

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY - fire, severe storm, civil unrest, etc. where you must evacuate your home with the potential of losing all that you leave behind, you should have an evacuation plan and meeting place determined ahead of time. The plan should include having a GRAB 'N GO Bag(s) kept in a convenient location (*secure garage or closet by your exit door*). Items can be stored in a backpack, duffle bag, or *Rubber Maid* tote bin. You may want to consider some of the following items to place in your GRAB 'N GO Bag.

VALUABLES in GO BAG

- Hard copies of all your valuable papers - birth certificates, passports, insurance papers, medical records, wills, military papers, deeds, proof of employment (*paystub*), home and land deeds, family genealogy
- Computer external hard drive backup
- Hard copy of passwords
- Photo copies of credit cards (*front and back*)
- Hard copies of phone and addresses of key contact people. (*friends & services*)
- Copies of irreplaceable photos and family recipes (*hard copies and/or digital*)
- Emergency cash (*mostly small bills*)
- Medications for at least one month and list of all medications for each family member
- Change of underwear and socks for each family member
- Extra pair of glasses and contacts (*with solution*)
- Air horn
- Recent laminated family photo for I.D. and verifying relationship.
- One small valued treasure for each family member. VERY IMPORTANT!

VALUABLES NOT in GO BAG Keep a list of items in the top of your GO BAG:

- Important original documents (*Birth certificates, passports, etc.*)
- Phones and chargers
- Laptop
- Hard copy phone books
- Picture albums
- Personal handwritten recipe book
- Valued jewelry and mementos
- Journals, diaries, personal Bibles

For excellent information dealing with emergencies, go to *CDC Emergency Preparedness and Response*.