

Top 12

Emergency Preparedness Items

The following items are the minimum recommendations for households to have, in the event electrical power, water, and goods and services are unavailable. They cover the basic survival needs such as energy for: light, heat, and cooking. As well as water, sanitation, food, home defense, and communication.

Key Items Check List:

- LED Flashlights and Headlamps** – Store in key home locations (“10 Second Rule”).
- LED Lanterns** – At least 2 per home. *(Recommended: lanterns from Costco)*
- Candles** – 6 large glass jar candles, 12 clear glass prayer candles *(Recommended: Dollar tree)*
- Indoor Heater** – Wood Stove, fireplace insert, high BTU kerosene heater, or propane type heater *(Recommend: Mr. Heater Big Buddy with F271803 12’ hose for attaching to 20# propane tank, for a single room)*
- Cook Stove** – propane camp stove. *(Recommended: Coleman Triton two burner propane camp stove with a least sixteen 1# canisters of fuel)*
- Fuel** – four 20# tanks of propane, sixteen 1# canisters of propane, and four 5-gallon containers of gasoline *(non-ethanol, high octane with fuel stabilizer and fuel injector cleaner fluid added).*
- Water** – 100 gallons in various containers. *(5 or 7 gallon camp type containers with spigot, 1 gallon glass or heavy plastic jugs, 5 gallon food grade buckets, and/or a large 40 to 50 gallon water barrel with pump)*
- Bleach** – Important for sanitizing, disinfecting water *(8 drops per gallon),* and human waste disposal. *(Recommend: four 2-quart jugs with eye dropper, store in warm room temperature, shelf-life 1-2 years)*
- Contractor Bags** – Two boxes of twenty 42-gallon, 3 mil bags, used for disposal of waste. *(When there is no water supply, use bag in toilet for collecting and disposing of waste. Add a little diluted bleach water 1/5)*
- Food** – #1 Stock pantry *(soups, chili, peanut butter, pasta sauce, oil, dry cereal, canned meats, canned vegetables. etc.)*
#2 Six 5-gallon buckets of dry food *(Example: rice, beans, oat meal, pasta, barley, lentils, pop corn, wheat, etc.)*
#3 Twenty-four #10 cans of dry food *(Example: flour, potato flakes, powdered milk, beef & chicken cubes, scrambled eggs, powdered spaghetti sauce, powdered alfredo sauce, onion flakes, cheese, etc.)*
- Battery Radio** – With four bands and weather channel. *(Recommended: Voyager 4 band KA500)*
- Marine Air Horn** – intruder defense and neighborhood communication warning signal.

Have Extra:

Cash *(one month, in mostly small bills)*

Essential Medications *(at least one month supply)*

Batteries *(all sizes and types, especially D-cell)*

Paper products *(toilet paper, towels, plates and bowls, feminine products)*

Pet food if needed