



Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue



“GO BAG” Checklist

A "Go Bag" is an emergency-preparedness bag that you pack in advance, but hope you never need. Go Bags are useful in situations that require immediate evacuation. Your emergency kit should be self-contained in one small or medium-sized bag and should contain supplies to help get you through up to one day. Once packed, keep your “Go Bag” in an easy-to-reach location, (like an entry-hall closet or under your bed). Pack lightly, tag your bag with name and address, and prepare a bag for every member of the family.

Every “Go Bag” Should Have:

- Copy of passport or driver's license
- Copy of marriage or divorce papers
- Copy of health insurance information
- Copy of will, living will, healthcare directives
- List of emergency personal contacts with phone numbers
- List of allergies to any drug (especially antibiotics) or food
- First Aid Kit- including bandages of various sizes, sterile gauze, antibiotic cream, and antiseptic wipes.
- Flashlight with extra flashlight batteries
- Water (one to two small bottles)
- Non-perishable snacks (granola bars, nuts, peanut butter crackers)
- Extra keys to house and vehicle
- Emergency cash in single dollar bills and quarters
- Sanitary wipes/towelettes
- Tissues
- Extra prescription eye glasses, hearing aid
- Permanent marker
- Notepad and pen
- Toiletries and personal care items including
 - Toothbrush and toothpaste
 - Deodorant
 - Comb or hair brush
 - Hand/facial wipes
 - Feminine products
- Pair of socks
- Light jacket
- Whistle on a lanyard
- Cell phone charger
- Reading material, crossword book
- Lightweight rain poncho

As a caregiver for children:

- Copy of birth certificate
- Copy of immunization records
- Recent photo of each child
- Change of clothes
- Water (one to two small bottles)
- Non-perishable snacks (granola bars, small packets of candy)
- Diapers and powdered formula, bottles
- Comfort items: stuffed animal, lovey, pacifier
- Light/glow sticks
- ID bracelet, marker, tag

As a caregiver for adults or disabled family members:

- List of any existing conditions or chronic illnesses, including allergies
- Copy of passport or driver's license
- Copy of health insurance information
- Copy of Medicare/Medicaid card
- Copy of medical power of attorney/Durable power of attorney
- Copy of living will, healthcare directives, do-not-resuscitate order
- Current medications including over-the-counter treatments, with dosages
- List of regular healthcare providers (names and numbers)
- Extra prescription eye glasses, hearing aid or other vital personal items
- A change of clothing: underwear, socks, tops, bottoms
- Comfort items like copies of pictures, prayer book, Bible, rosary, etc.
- Toiletries and personal care items including
 - Toothbrush and toothpaste
 - Deodorant
 - Comb or hair brush
 - Hand/facial wipes
 - Adult diapers, sanitary pads, feminine products
- Small bag for securing jewelry or other valuables

As a caregiver for pets:

- Your pet's paperwork for vaccinations and medical history
- Recent photo of each pet
- Collar/Harness with ID tag and rabies tag
- Sturdy leash or pet carriers (A pillowcase is a good option for transporting cats and other small animals.)
- Water
- Non-spill bowls
- Small sample-sized bag of dry food or pop-top lid of canned food
- Plastic bags and litter
- Chew toy, treats
- Names and phone numbers of emergency veterinary hospitals and animal shelters

As a teacher:

- Class roster
- List of students with special needs and description of needs (i.e. medical issues, prescription medicines, dietary needs), marked confidential
- Pertinent medical supplies (Epi-Pen, Asthma Inhaler)
- List of school emergency procedures and contacts
- First aid kit with instructions
- Student activities (such as playing cards, checkers, inflatable ball)
- Pack of wet wipes
- Toilet wipes/Toilet paper
- Hand sanitizer
- Gloves
- Tissues
- Pull-ups
- 2 large garbage bags
- 5 gallon Zip-Loc bags
- Hard candies or other long shelf-life food (Skittles, Goldfish crackers, etc.)
- Whistle and/or hat for teacher identification