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The Need for Go-Bags

At the time of a disaster such as a spreading wildfire or a major earthquake, it may be necessary to evacuate from your home in a hurry. It is good to have a Go-Bag available for a quick evacuation.

A Go-Bag should be something accessible, easy to grab and easy enough to transport in the event of a quick exit from your home. It can be a backpack, a bag on wheels, a shopping cart/wagon, or anything you find useful. There should be bags for all members of the family – unless you can double up.

The Basic Go-bag should be packed and ready to go at all times, in case of evacuation with very short notice. Bags can be stored at a convenient place at home or in people's cars.

Go-Bag Supplies to have packed and ready

- Medications & a list of medications plus dosages (May need to pack at last minute)
- Important documents such as passport; driver's license; medical, car, and renter insurance documents; credit cards; Social Security Card; DD214; etc.
- Paper copy of important contact phone numbers
- Cash (small denominations of currency)
- Whistle to signal for help
- Personal hygiene toiletries
- Strong flashlight, headlamp & batteries
- Plastic bags
- Extra house and car keys
- Energy bars



- A couple changes of underclothes
- Extra shirt and trousers
- (Extra shoes)
- N95 face mask
- Phone charger
- Medical supplies and battery backups for family members
- Pet supplies for family pets

Additional items that may be helpful in the prepared Go-bag

- Solar charger
- Toilet Paper
- Pocket Knife or utility tool
- Work gloves
- Duct tape
- Jackets
- Sleeping bags



At the time of evacuation

When an evacuation is imminent, gather additional important items as time allows:

- Medical supplies – CPAP machine, backup batteries, insulin pumps, etc.
- Originals/signed copies of Wills, Trusts
- Computer
- Important photos (convert to digital on thumb drive),
- Valuables that are easy to carry
- Additional chargers

Plan your Evacuation

Some residents have friends and family who can take them in during an evacuation. Even if you plan on that location, prepare for a back-up location. Depending on how widespread the disaster is, family and friends may be affected, or it may not be possible to get there.

The County sets up Emergency Evacuation Shelters as they are needed. The LA County Fairplex in Pomona has been used as a shelter in the past. Other shelters will be established as needed. Pet shelters will also be established, some for large animals and some for small.

Other options may be for a hotel or an AirBnB. If many people are impacted, those options may fill up quickly, or you may have to search for something farther away.

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