DISASTER SUPPLY LIST

Below is a shopping list of items to collect before a storm threat. Try to have enough supplies to last at least three days. Should you need to evacuate, it is a good idea for each person to have their supplies in an easy-to-carry bag, like a backpack or gym bag.

The commonwealth has enacted a Hurricane Preparedness Tax Holiday to help encourage citizens to assemble their emergency supplies. It is held annually during the last week in May. Visit **www.ReadyVirginia.gov** for more information about creating a disaster supply kit.

- ❑ Water, at least three gallons per person for drinking and sanitation
- ❑ Food that does not need electricity for storage or for preparation
- ❑ Manual can opener for food *(if kit contains canned food)*
- ❑ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio, a weather alert radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- ❑ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ❑ First aid kit
- ❑ Whistle to signal for help
- ❑ Prescription medications and eyewear
- ❑ Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter where you are
- ❑ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ❑ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities

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Additional items to consider adding to an emergency supply kit:

- ❑ Items for infants and toddlers
- ❑ Items for pets, including veterinary records
- ❑ Local maps
- ❑ Copies of important family documents, such as insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- ❑ Cash in small denominations or traveler's checks and change
- ❑ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book
- ❑ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- ❑ Complete change of clothing including a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, socks and sturdy shoes
- ❑ Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper *(when diluted in water, bleach can be used to kill germs)*
- ❑ Fire extinguisher
- ❑ Matches in a waterproof container
- ❑ Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- ❑ Paper cups, plates and plastic knives, forks and spoons, paper towels
- ❑ Paper and pencil
- ❑ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

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