

# EMERGENCY SUPPLY KITS

## READY FOR WHATEVER COMES NEXT: PART II

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In the event of an emergency—whether it's a wildfire, earthquake, flood, or other unforeseen crisis—time is of the essence. Having a well-prepared Go-Bag can make all the difference, allowing you and your loved ones to evacuate quickly and safely from life threatening hazards. This month, the RPV Emergency Preparedness Committee provides information on how to build a Go-Bag, which holds important supplies to evacuate with.

### BUILDING YOUR GO-BAG

A **Go-Bag** is a portable kit packed with necessities such as water, food, medications, important documents, and other critical items you may need during an evacuation. During emergencies, you may not have time to pack, so all household members should have a go bag ready to go, including animals!

Your go bag should be accessible, easy to grab, and effortless to carry in a rush. Choose a medium-sized duffel bag, suitcase, or a waterproof backpack with lots of space.

Supplies should be practical to help you with evacuation and return post evacuation. Pack as if you were going on a vacation, considering your household's emergency plan.

- How long could you be on the road and what supplies can help you make the travel more comfortable? (snacks, water, charger)
- Where would you evacuate to? What supplies would you need while there? (change of clothes, hygiene items)
- What might you need upon return? (proof of resident, insurance documents)

**A printable checklist is available on the next page!** The list provides a suggested starting point. Households and individuals need to evaluate their specific needs and supply requirements in the event of an emergency. Please visit Ready LA County for more emergency plan supply kit information: <https://ready.lacounty.gov/>

*You may notice some overlap between the supply [checklist for the Stay-Box](#) and the Go-Bag. Instead of having 2 separate sets of supplies, consider storing the Go-Bag inside or near your Stay-Box so they can serve double-duty.*

## GO-BAG SUPPLY CHECKLIST

### Emergency supplies for evacuating kept together, when possible in a backpack or duffle bag

When deciding on the amount of supplies you need, consider what you will need to get to your destination comfortable (accounting for traffic/delays) and what you might need when returning home (ex. Proof of residency)

#### \*\* Items Unique to the Go-Bag \*\*

- Snacks and Water
- Small First Aid Kit
- Extra set of car & house keys
- Rain Gear
- Cash; small bills and coins
- Car/Portable charger for important devices
- Copies of Important Documents, stored in at least two places (see page 3)
- Clothing, warm jackets, and sturdy shoes
- Blankets and camping equipment
- Whistle, paper map with 2 evacuation routes marked, and compass (GPS may not work)
- List of items important to you that can be packed, if time permits (sentimental or irreplaceable items - photos, mementos, loved one's ashes, etc.)

#### Basic Emergency Supplies For All Kits

- Water (1 gallon per person per day) and nonperishable food for all household members
  - Familiar, portable, and nutrient-rich food and snacks (ex. Protein bars, trail mix, dried fruits, jerky, etc.)
  - Special food for infants and those on special diets (ex: ready-to-drink baby formula, nutritional drink)
  - Manual can opener, paper plates, napkins, & plastic utensils
- Sanitation and hygiene items (e.g. hand sanitizer, moist towelettes, toilet paper, garbage bags, feminine supplies, diapers)
- Medication & back up medical equipment (e.g. spare eyeglasses and contact lenses, insulin strips, hearing aid batteries)
- Flashlights/headlamps
- Extra chargers and batteries for important devices
- Battery operated or hand-crank AM/FM radio with extra batteries
- Protective equipment: gloves, N-95 mask
- Tools: wrench, multitool, scissors
- Pet supplies: carrier, leash, toys, etc



## IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS TO HAVE DURING EMERGENCIES

Including essential documents in your emergency supply kit is crucial for identification, accessing aid, and disaster recovery. Store records in both physical and digital (USB or cloud) formats. Physical records should be kept in a waterproof, fireproof container or folder. Digitized records should be protected by a password or encryption. Recommended copies of documents include:

### Identification Documents

- Passports
- Driver's licenses, State, Military IDs
- Social Security cards
- Birth, Marriage, Divorce, Adoption certificates
- Recent photos of family members (for identification purposes)

### Medical Information

- Health insurance cards
- List of current medications/dosages
- Medical history and allergy information
- Immunization Records
- Contact info for regulars doctors/pharmacy

### Financial and Legal Documents

- Bank account information
- Credit card info (with contact numbers for reporting loss)
- Insurance policies (health, home, auto, life, renters, pet)
- Property and vehicle deeds, titles and leases
- Wills, Trust, powers of attorney, and other legal directives

### Emergency Contacts

- Family and friend contact lists
- Out of Area Contact
- Work and school contact information

### Other Important Documents

- Utility account numbers and provider contact info
- Pet ownership records, photo and vaccination info

CA Department of Insurance provides a [Home Inventory Guide](#) (link) including a mobile app to help you take a complete inventory of your home, garage and surrounding property. This list could help you prove the value of what you owned if your possessions are damaged or destroyed and can help claim deductions on taxes.

## Stay Informed and Get the ALERTS!



**Sign up for RPV Emergency Alerts** with Alert SouthBay: Text AlertSB to 888777, online at [alertsouthbay.com](http://alertsouthbay.com), download the free Everbridge app on Google Play or the App Store



**Know Your Zone.** Visit [PVPReady.gov](http://PVPReady.gov) find your emergency zone and view a live map of current zone statuses. This information will also be provided in emergency alerts from Alert SouthBay.



**Download the MyRPV App** on your device to stay connected to what is happening in the city.



### Mark Your Calendar

**Community Forum on Wildfire Prevention:** May 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm, South Coast Botanic Garden. Attached flyer.

**LA County Fire Department Defensible Space Inspections for Coastal Communities begins** June 1<sup>st</sup> . Learn more: [https://fire.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Annual-Defensible-Space-Notice-2025\\_English-Spanish\\_03072025.pdf](https://fire.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Annual-Defensible-Space-Notice-2025_English-Spanish_03072025.pdf)



#### BUILDING YOUR EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT ✓

This month's item: copies of **DOCUMENTS** uploaded to a Cloud Storage service or stored on USB drive and on paper including; Identification, Insurance and Financial Account info, Property Deeds and Titles, Legal Documents, photos of property, animals and household members.

To have this monthly message from the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) sent to your inbox, sign up here: <https://www.rpvca.gov/list.aspx> . For additional information and resources, please contact the EPC at EPC@rpvca.gov or (310) 544-5209 .



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# MAY IS WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

Please join the **Office of LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn**, **Los Angeles County Fire Department** and the **Peninsula Cities** for a

## Community Forum on Wildfire Prevention

Learn about the new defensible space regulations, home hardening tips, water reliability, and more helpful safety information.

**THURSDAY, MAY 29, 5:30-7:30 PM**



South Coast Botanic Garden  
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