



EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

*Preparedness is everyone's responsibility. In St. Clair County there are only 800 emergency responders for 170,000 residents. During the first 72 hours following an emergency or disaster, essential services may not be available. Residents must **BE READY** to survive on their own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least three days in your **EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT**. Collect your items in an easy-to-carry kit such as a backpack, cooler on wheels, or even a garbage can with a lid on wheels.*

The Basics

- One gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 days
- Canned or packaged food that won't spoil and a can opener. 3 meals per person per day for 3 days.
- Plates, utensils, trash bags
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio (with extra batteries)
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Extra clothing for the season including hats & gloves for winter
- Blankets and/or sleeping bags
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Multi-tool
- Whistle
- Local maps
- Fire extinguisher
- Copies of important documents stored in a large zip lock bag such as wills, deeds, birth certificates, charge card & bank account information, insurance policies, etc.

Unique Items

Make sure your kit fits your needs

- Cell Phone and charger
- Cash and/or traveler's checks
- Prescription medications
- Special dietary items
- Diapers and formula
- Household chlorine bleach & dropper: 9 parts water to one part bleach is a good disinfectant. Treat water with 16 drops of bleach to one gallon of water.
- Eye glasses and sunglasses
- Hearing aides & batteries
- Feminine supplies
- Books, games, puzzles, etc.
- Paper and pens or pencils

Pet Items

- Food and water
- Collar with ID tag
- Medical records
- List of possible places for your pet to stay such as neighbors' homes, hotels that take pets, and animal shelters

Tips

You change your clothes for the seasons, so change your emergency supply kit for the seasons too. For example, rain gear in spring, summer, and fall and hats, gloves, and extra warm clothes for the winter. Don't forget sunscreen and insect repellent during summer months.

We change our clocks for Daylight Savings Time twice a year. When you change your clocks, also change your smoke alarm batteries and the water in your emergency supply kit.

Creating an emergency supply kit can save your life and is a great first step toward preparedness. Remember step 2 - Make a Plan and step 3 - Be Informed. Learn how at: www.BeReadyStClairCounty.org.

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