

DIY Disaster Kit CHECKLIST

There are so many things that you could have in your emergency preparedness kit. But it's most important to have at least the essential items. This list is broken down so that you can assemble a basic kit that will provide the essentials. If you don't have a kit, then gather up the "Must Haves" from this list and expand it later.

Remember: Warm Water Food & Friends

Warm

Must-Haves:

- A change of clothes (ideally 3 days, but 1 day will do)
- Flashlight and batteries (keep the batteries in a plastic bag, not in your flashlight)
- A roll of toilet paper
- A rain poncho and/or small tarp
- Matches/Lighter and candles
- Blanket

Good-To-Have:

- Mylar blanket
- Pliers
- A length of rope
- A roll of duct tape
- Utility Knife/Pocket Knife



Water

Must-Haves:

- Water bottles (1 gallon per person per day is recommended, but for drinking purposes even 3-4 small bottles will do the job).

Good-to-Have:

- Water filter
- An empty water bottle
- Small bottle of bleach (for purifying water)

Food

Must-Haves:

- A 3-day supply of non-perishable food
- Utensils and Plates
- Can opener (if you have cans in your kit)

Good-to-Have:

- Paper towels
- Wet wipes
- Garbage bags

Friends

Must-Haves:

- Radio & Extra Batteries
- List of Family and Friends' Phone Numbers

Good-to-Have:

- Solar charger
- Cords to plug devices into solar charger