

Marengo County E-911

Emergency Kit Checklist

- Water and food: Store multiple days' worth of water--at least three gallons per person. Consider that you may need water for more than just drinking, including for sanitary purposes. Multiple days' worth of canned food, bars, and other non-perishable food items will be the most reliable.
- First aid and medication: Assemble a comprehensive first-aid kit that includes bandages, antiseptic wipes, scissors, tweezers, and over-the-counter pain relievers. Store at least several days' worth of prescription medication as well.
- Important documents and cash: Make copies of essential documents like identification, insurance policies, medical records, and place them in a waterproof container. Store cash in case credit cards and ATMs are unusable or inaccessible.
- Light and communication: Include flashlights with extra batteries, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, and battery-powered charger (with cords) for your cell phone.
- Clothing and bedding: Pack warm clothing, blankets, sleeping bags, and sturdy shoes. Remember to consider the climate in your area and the seasons – in Alabama, a battery-powered fan may be a nice addition to your kit.
- Personal hygiene: Include personal hygiene items like soap, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, and feminine products.
- Tools and supplies: A multi-tool, duct tape, matches in a waterproof container, a whistle, and garbage bags for waste disposal can be invaluable.
- Special considerations: If you have infants, elderly family members, or pets, remember to pack supplies and items tailored to their needs. If you have children, toys and games can be invaluable to keep them (and adults) entertained during an extended shelter-in-place.