

The Knowledge House Guide to:

Emergency Evacuation: Things to Bring

If you are facing a possible evacuation due to a fire, flood, or other disaster, here is a list of important items to take with you -- if there is time. Put the safety of you and your family first; don't risk lives over personal belongings. IF YOUR EVACUATION IS MANDATORY, DON'T PACK; GET OUT NOW!

Documents

- Birth certificates
- Social Security cards
- Driver's licenses
- Passports
- House deed
- Vehicle titles
- Marriage license
- Legal documents
- Tax papers
- Bank account records
- Medical records
- Health insurance cards
- Auto insurance card
- Home insurance policy
- Photographs of all family members
- Computer hard drive/backup disks/USB device
- Home inventory list/photos/video of household possessions--particularly antiques, paintings, or custom/expensive items

Money/Valuables

- Cash
- Checks
- Credit cards
- Purse
- Wallet
- Gold and silver coins
- Expensive jewelry

Sentimental Items

- Photographs, photo albums, slides, home videos
- Family heirlooms (Bible, jewelry, etc.)
- Irreplaceable keepsakes (baby book, original artwork, etc.)
- Certificates, awards, medals
- Prioritize by determining what is replaceable and what is not

Miscellaneous

- Cell phone, tablet, and chargers
- Valuable jewelry
- Prescription medications
- One week's worth of clothing for each person
- Pets with ID tags, leashes, carriers, water bowl, and pet food
- Portable Emergency Kit
- A favorite comfort toy/plush animal for each child
- Contact numbers for friends and relatives

Additional

- Make sure the special needs of infants, elderly or disabled family members are met.