

Emergency Management

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Creating a Disaster Preparedness Bag



Have you ever thought about what specifically to put in your go bag? Or whether or not you need one for sheltering in place and a separate one for an evacuation scenario?

Preparing for emergencies requires careful consideration and planning. A well-thought-out go bag can make a significant difference in your safety and comfort during a crisis.

Here are some essential items to consider including in your go bag:

Water and Food: Pack enough water for at least three days, along with non-perishable food items like energy bars, canned goods, and dried fruits. **First Aid Kit:** Include bandages, antiseptics, pain relievers, any prescription medications, and other basic medical supplies. **Clothing and Personal Items:** Pack weather-appropriate clothing, sturdy shoes, and personal hygiene items like toothpaste, soap, and sanitary products. **Tools and Supplies:** A multi-tool, flashlight with extra batteries, matches or a lighter, and a whistle can be invaluable. **Important Documents:** Keep copies of identification, insurance policies, medical records, and any other crucial documents in a waterproof container. **Technology and Communication:** A portable phone charger, a spare battery, and a hand-crank radio can help you stay informed and connected. **Comfort Items:** Consider adding small comforts like a book, a deck of cards, or a favorite snack to help maintain morale.

Additional emergency supplies to consider would be: Soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, prescription medications, non-prescription medications, prescription eyeglasses, contact lens solution, infant supplies, pet food, extra water for pets, cash, traveler's checks, important family documents, sleeping bag, warm blanket, change of clothing, sturdy shoes, fire extinguisher, matches in a waterproof container, feminine supplies, personal hygiene items, mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels, plastic utensils, paper, pencil, books, games, puzzles for children.

For sheltering in place, you might need additional supplies like extra water, more substantial food reserves, and comfort items to sustain you for a longer period. Consider having a dedicated space in your home with these items easily accessible.

For evacuation scenarios, ensure that your go bag is lightweight and easy to carry. It should be stored in an easily accessible location so you can grab it quickly if you need to leave in a hurry.

Tailoring your go bag to your specific needs and situation is key.

Regularly check and update the contents to ensure everything remains in working order and is not expired. By being prepared, you can face emergencies with greater confidence and peace of mind.



Emergency Management Staff, Volunteers, & Stakeholders

Shining a spotlight on the people who make this agency function.



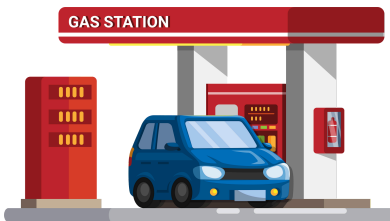
The Franklin County Finance Department is always helping us get the information that we need to get our reports turned in, in a timely fashion. They work diligently behind the scenes, ensuring that all financial data is accurate and up-to-date. Their commitment to excellence and efficiency allows us to meet deadlines with confidence. The team’s expertise and dedication do not go unnoticed, as they are the backbone of our reporting process. We are grateful for their unwavering support and their role in maintaining the integrity of our financial operations.

Filling Meds Before a Storm

During a state of emergency in Florida, pharmacists can provide early refills for prescriptions to residents and emergency personnel in affected areas. Controlled substances not in Schedule II can be included. Health insurers must waive refill time restrictions. Pharmacists can dispense a 30-day supply without prescriber authorization for life-sustaining or chronic medications. Hospitals in affected areas can prescribe up to a 72-hour drug supply. In emergencies, pharmacists can provide a one-time 72-hour refill or one vial of insulin for diabetes without prescriber authorization.



Halfway Full, Halfway There



During hurricane season, both residents and visitors are advised to maintain their gas tanks at a minimum of half capacity. This precaution ensures that prompt evacuation is possible without the concern of enduring lengthy queues at gas stations or facing fuel shortages preceding a storm.

For Floridians utilizing electric vehicles, it is advisable to sustain the battery within a range of 50% to 80% capacity. This practice, while not necessitating daily charging, guarantees that individuals and families have adequate charge in their electric vehicles for a safe and swift evacuation if required.

It is essential to bear in mind the importance of maintaining at least half a tank of fuel in your vehicle throughout hurricane season to circumvent fuel shortages and lengthy queues at gas stations before a storm hits. In the event of an evacuation order, consider seeking shelter with nearby friends or family residing outside the evacuation zone or in a home designed to withstand hurricane conditions. Evacuation distances do not always encompass hundreds of miles; by ensuring your vehicle has a minimum of half a tank of gas, you can evacuate the essential distance to a secure shelter when a storm poses a threat to your locality.

See What We Are Up To

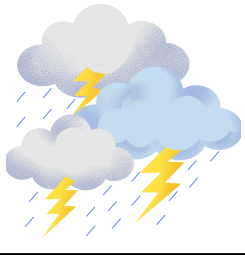
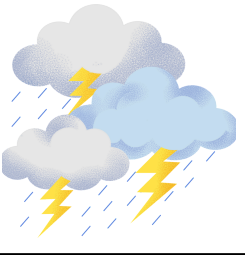


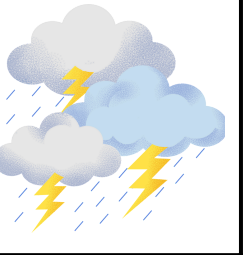
A glance at the projects that each staff member and prominent volunteer is undertaking.

- Jennifer Daniels, the Director, is diligently working on drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Debris Monitoring and Debris Removal, while also updating our directories.
- Amanda Anthony, the Coordinator, is currently overseeing the finalization of financial reports pertaining to EOC grants.
- Jessica Lockhart, the SPN Coordinator, working on updating the pet preparedness plan.
- Tim Keith-Lucas, the Operations Chief, is refining our checklists to ensure comprehensive hurricane preparedness, updating our communications plan, and applying for the CERT Grant.
- Scott Bush, the Quartermaster, is currently reorganizing the EOC trailers to accommodate a wider array of events and coordinating the organization of the Hangar.
- Judi Ring, the CERT President, is developing educational materials to raise awareness about the CERT program among the public, updating our event schedule, and applying for the CERT Grant.
- Rob Zingarelli, the Lead Radio Operator, is concentrating on the radio wiring setup within the command trailer.
- Patricia Bludworth, the Inventory Manager, is in the process of consolidating equipment from various areas within the EOC to both the command trailer and its supporting trailer.
- Allen Sanders, the Groundskeeper, has resumed grounds maintenance activities in preparation for the forthcoming summer season and is currently maintaining chainsaws.
- The team eagerly awaits the review and approval of the new building plans by the state Office of Environmental and Historic Preservation.

Upcoming Events

Event	Description	Date	Time	Location
Intro to Ham Radio	Speaking Engagement to give beginner information about Ham Radio	August 20, 2024	4PM- 5PM	Margaret Key Library 80 12th Street Apalachicola, FL
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Weather Outlook

	<u>Fri, 19 July</u>	<u>Sat, 20 July</u>	<u>Sun, 21 July</u>	<u>Mon, 22 July</u>	<u>Tues, 23 July</u>
Weather					
	Scattered Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms	Scattered Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms
Temp. (F)	78 / 86	77 / 87	77 / 87	78 / 88	78 / 88

EOC Tip of the Week

Vehicle Emergency Supply Kit

- Spare Tire
- Jumper Cables
- Flashlight & Extra Batteries
- Reflective Triangles
- Map
- First Aid Kit
- Reflective Vest
- Car Phone Charger
- Flares
- Blanket
- Rain Poncho



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