**Month 1**

**Purchase:**

* Water—3-gal per person/per day
* Hand-operated can opener and bottle opener
* Instant drinks (coffee, tea, powdered drinks)
* 2 flashlights with batteries

**Activities:**

* Make your family disaster preparedness plan
* Inventory disaster supplies already on hand, especially camping gear
* If you fill your own water containers, mark them with the date filled (replace every 6 months)
* Date water/food containers if they are not dated
* Conduct a home hazard hunt

**Month 2**

**Purchase:**

* Canned meat, stew, or pasta type meals
  + 5 per person
* Feminine Supplies
* Family-size first aid kit

**Activities:**

* Change battery and test smoke/CO detectors (purchase and install a detector if you don’t have one)
* Video your home, including contents, for insurance purposes. Store the video with friends or family who live out of town.

**Month 3**

**Purchase:**

* Canned fruit - 3 cans per person
* Any foods for special dietary needs (enough for 3 days)
* 2+ rolls of toilet paper per person
* Crescent wrench(es) (or utility shutoff tools)

**Activities:**

* Conduct a home fire drill
* Check with your child’s day care or school to find out about their disaster plans
* Locate gas meter and water shutoff points and attach/store wrench or shutoff tool near them
* Establish an out-of-state contact to call in emergencies

**Month 4**

**Purchase:**

* Canned vegetables - 4 per person per day
* Extra baby bottles, formula, and diapers, if needed
* Extra pet supplies; food, collar, leash
* Large waterproof storage container(s) for supplies

**Activities:**

* Place a sturdy pair of shoes and a flashlight under your bed so that they will be handy during an emergency
* Place a supply of prescription medicine(s) in storage container and date the medicine(s) if not already indicated on its label
* Place supplies in waterproof storage containers and include blankets or sleeping bags for each family member

**Month 5**

**Purchase:**

* Canned, ready-to-eat soup - 2 per person per day
* Liquid dish soap
* Plain liquid bleach
* Portable AM/FM/NOAA radio (including batteries)
* Anti-bacterial liquid hand soap
* Disposable hand wipes

**Activities:**

* Make copies of important papers and put in the storage container

**Month 6**

**Purchase:**

* Quick-energy snacks (granola, raisins, peanut butter)
* 6+ rolls of paper towels
* Sunscreen
* Anti-diarrhea medicine
* Latex gloves, 6+ pairs, (to be put with the first aid kit)

**Activities:**

* Check to see if your stored water has expired and needs to be replaced. (Replace every 6 months if you filled your own containers. Store-bought water will have an expiration date on the container.)
* Put an extra pair of eyeglasses in the supply container
* Find out about your workplace disaster plans

**Month 7**

**Purchase:**

* Whistle
* ABC type fire extinguisher
* A pair of pliers and/or vise grips

**Activities:**

* Take a first aid/CPR class
* Identify neighbors who might need help in an emergency, including those with limited mobility or health problems and children who might be alone
* Show family members where and how to shut off the utilities

**Month 8**

**Purchase:**

* Box/tin of crackers or graham crackers
* Dry cereal
* 1 large box of large, heavy-duty garbage bags
* Camping or utility knife

**Month 9**

**Purchase:**

* Extra batteries for flashlights, radio, hearing aids (if need-ed), etc.
* Heavy rope
* Duct tape
* Crowbar

**Activities:**

* Make a small (72-hr) preparedness kit for your car. Include food, water, blanket, small first aid kit, a list of important phone numbers, etc.

**Month 10**

**Purchase:**

* Hammer and assorted nails
* Screw drivers and assorted wood screws
* Heavy duty plastic tarps
* Extra toothbrush per person and toothpaste

**Activities:**

* Make arrangements to have someone help your children if you’re at work when an emergency occurs
* Replace prescription medicines as required by expiration dates

**Month 11**

**Purchase:**

* Large package of paper plates
* Large package of napkins/paper towels
* Large package of plastic eating utensils or camping utensils
* Large package of paper/plastic cups
* Masking tape
* Large box of kitchen-size garbage bags

Activities:

* Make arrangements to have someone to take care of your pets if you are at work when an emergency occurs
* Exchange work, home, and emergency contact phone numbers with neighbors for use during an emergency

**Month 12**

**Purchase:**

* Heavy work/mechanic gloves
* Box of disposable dust masks
* Safety goggles

**Activities:**

* Check to see if your stored water has expired and needs to be replaced. (Replace every 6 months if you filled your own containers. Store-bought water will have an expiration date on the container.)
* Check the dates on stored food and replace as needed
* Do not forget to inspect your emergency supplies on a regular basis.
* Supplies can also be used and forgotten to be re-placed. A regular inventory can prevent you from not having them when you need them.

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**Emergency Supplies Purchase Plan**

Everyone should have an Emergency Kit and/or supplies to enable them to survive 3-7 days following a disaster. Enclosed you will find recommendations on what you should have in your kit as well as when to space out getting them, so that you do not need to purchase them all at once.

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