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As The 2018 Hurricane Season Draws Nigh, FEMA Gives Tips On Emergency Kit Preparedness

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Having the proper supplies on hand is key to being prepared for the upcoming hurricane season starting June 1, the Federal Emergency Management Agency reminded on Friday. FEMA urged residents to keep their supplies in an easy-to-carry emergency preparedness kit that can be used at home or on the go in case evacuation becomes necessary.

At a minimum, residents should have these basic supplies:

- Water: one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home).

- Food: non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home).
- Flashlight.
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible).
- Extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items.
- Multi-purpose tool, like a Swiss Army knife.
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items.
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies).
- Cell phone with chargers.
- Family and emergency contact information.
- Extra cash (ATMs might be inoperable).
- Extra fuel for generator and car.

Depending on your family's requirements, the following are also recommended: medical-care items, baby supplies, pet supplies and other things, such as extra car and house keys.

Additional supplies might include towels, plastic sheeting, duct tape, scissors and work gloves.

Resources that offer additional information on putting together emergency kits are online at

<https://www.ready.gov/> and <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/be-red-cross-ready/get-a-kit>.