

EMERGENCY FIRE EVACUATION KIT CHECKLIST

One thing we should all be aware of at this point is how unexpectedly an emergency resulting in evacuations can happen. Because of this the Caucus is sending out this emergency kit checklist. It is a bit duplicative so that there is a quick check of what is important for those who don't choose to have a prepared kit ready.

This list will be permanently posted on the web site at uppersnowmass.com under the "Fire Plan" banner.

- **Documents:** Hard copies or electronic records of important documents, such as birth certificates, marriage certificates, Social Security cards, driver licenses, passports, insurance cards, medical documents, wills, medical directives, power of attorney paperwork, adoption records, and all important financial paperwork. Make sure you have documents you can use to establish proof of address, such as a utility bill, as you will likely need to provide proof in order to re-enter a restricted area after the disaster passes. Keep these documents in a portable, waterproof container. If most of your documents are stored online, make sure you remember the passwords. Don't forget the chargers for your phones and computers.
- **Medications:** Focus first on any life-critical prescription medication you might be taking. To avoid mix-ups, keep medications in their original containers with their original labels and keep those containers in a zip-close bag or bags. Don't forget EpiPens and inhalers. If time allows, prepare a drug list of all of your medications.
- **Cash:** ATMs may not be accessible in an emergency and stores may not be able to take credit cards due to power or system outages. At a minimum, try to assemble enough cash to keep your household going for three days, budgeting for gas, food, and a potential motel stay. You should also take your checkbook and at least one credit, not debit, card with you in the event of big-ticket emergency purchases.
- **Emergency Kit:** Include a three-day supply each of nonperishable food for each family member, one gallon of water per person per day. Additionally, it is recommended to include:
 - + A multi-purpose tool or can opener
 - + Hand-crank or battery-powered radio that can tune into National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather updates

- + Extra batteries
- + First-aid kit
- + Prescription medications
- + Extra cash
- + Local maps
- + Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- + Whistle
- + Dust masks, plastic sheeting and duct tape
- + Moist towelettes
- + Garbage bags and plastic ties
- + Travel-size personal hygiene products, including toothbrush, toothpaste, and hand sanitizer
- + Clothing and bedding, including sleeping bags and pillows
- + Hard copies or electronic records of important documents, such as birth certificates, Social Security cards, driver's licenses, passports, insurance cards and medical documents
- + Pet food and other items for your pets, such as litter boxes and leashes

The Department of Homeland Security has a comprehensive emergency kit checklist available at [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov). Make sure everyone knows where your kit is stored and check it twice a year to replace out-of-date items.