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Sheltering Essentials

Do you know the difference between an “emergency shelter” and a “warming/cooling center”? An easy distinction between the two is that the warming/cooling centers are only for short term stays during the day. You are expected to go somewhere else to spend the night. An emergency shelter is meant to help people evacuate when they have nowhere else to go.

The people staffing these two types of shelters are often volunteers with limited supplies available. It makes sense to bring your own supplies and be prepared and self-sufficient. These types of shelters often fill up quickly.

You likely won't have time to gather supplies if you need to evacuate quickly. It's a good idea to keep a duffle or suitcase packed and ready with the following supplies:

Warming/Cooling Centers...

- Blanket and pillow
- Bag chair or lawn chair
- Water bottles
- Entertainment items: deck of cards, card games, book to read
- Solar cell phone charger and earphones
- Snacks and easy to prepare meals, sandwiches, etc.
- Pets and pet supplies including water/food dish, toys, leash, crate.
- Bicycle lock to keep your duffle and chair together
- Emergency hand crank radio
- Ear plugs and eye mask



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Emergency Shelter...

You should pack for at least a 3-day stay. Pets may not be allowed in an emergency shelter so you will want to make arrangement for pets in advance, if possible.

- Blanket and pillow, sleeping bag
- Reclining lawn chair
- Food and water including snacks, bottled water and non-perishable canned or packaged food, dehydrated meals
- A complete change of clothes and footwear including flip-flops.
- Solar cell phone charger and earphones
- Hygiene items including hand sanitizer, mask, toothbrush, toothpaste, and sanitary items
- Important papers including ID, proof of residency and insurance papers
- Bicycle lock to keep your duffle and chair together
- Medications, glasses and contacts, durable medical equipment
- Ear plugs and eye mask
- Entertainment items including puzzles and toys for children, reading material, decks of cards and games
- Towels and washcloths (new car-washing chamois works as towel)
- Toilet paper (remove the cardboard tubes and crush the entire package of toilet paper rolls into a single gallon Ziploc bag)
- Cash in case your debit or credit card isn't working
- Flashlight and/or small lantern, emergency hand crank radio

