

Clark County Emergency Management

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Emergency supplies to take to a shelter:

In the case of an evacuation, families should prepare to take care of themselves without outside help for several days. The average amount of time for an evacuation is three days.

- Sleeping bags or two blankets per person. Most shelters will be in schools, and other public buildings. While they will have a limited number of supplies, you and your family will be much more comfortable if you bring your own supplies.
- Emergency preparation guides, go to <http://www.fema.gov>. This contains valuable information not only on the immediate emergency, but on what you need to do and know to recover – such as what aid is available and signs of stress in family members.
- Water, stored in plastic bottles with screw caps; one gallon per person per day. Water services may be disrupted at the shelter as well in the early hours of an emergency.
- Special items for infants (clothes, diapers, milk or formula, water to mix with dry formula, powder, bottles and nipples, food, small toys, blankets, portable crib, etc.).
- Personal hygiene items such as towels, washcloths, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, and feminine supplies.
- First aid kit, including adhesive bandages, aspirin, liquid soap, and prescription medications.
- Non-perishable canned or packaged food and drinks (corned beef, tuna fish, apple sauce, cookies, juice, etc.), preferably that requires no cooking, and a non-electric can opener. It may take a day or more to set up a regular meal schedule at a shelter.
- Reading and writing materials.
- Battery powered flashlight in case of power loss.
- Additional Items to Include:
 - Change of clothes, including rain gear, sturdy shoes, and extra socks and underwear.
 - Extra pair of glasses or contacts and contact lens case and solution.
 - Pillows.
 - Pens or pencils and paper.
 - Plastic cups, plates, and utensils.
 - Credit cards and cash.
 - Special items for elderly or disabled family members.