



BE READY IN A FLASH



CREATE A SURVIVAL FLASH DRIVE

If there were a fire, flood, or other disaster that destroyed your home, where would your important documents such as birth certificate, passport, deed, licenses, permits, etc be? Protect yourself by scanning all your important documents and storing them on a Survival Flash Drive.

- Purchase a USB Flash Drive (also called memory sticks or thumb drives due to their small size)
- Use a permanent marker, sticker, or label to put the word "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) on it
- Scan your important documents using a scanner, and store the files on the Survival Flash Drive

WHAT TO PUT ON YOUR FLASH DRIVE

All Government Issued IDs, Licenses, Permits, and Certifications for Each Family Member

- Driver's License / ID
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Passport
- Marriage Certificate
- Gun Permit
- Veteran/Discharge Papers
- Work Permits / Licenses
- Immigration Papers

Important Non-Government Documents

- Medical Records
- Vaccination Records
- Health Plan Information
- Advance Directives
- Business Records
- Bank Accounts
- Credit Card Accounts
- Insurance (Home/Auto)
- Real Estate / Mortgage
- Rental Agreement
- Contracts
- Wills
- Power of Attorney
- Divorce / Custody Papers
- Restraining Orders

Other Important Information

- Current Photos of Each Family Member and Pet
- Important Family Pictures
- Emergency Contact List with Addresses + Phone Numbers

KEEP IT UP TO DATE

Remember to keep the information on your Survival Flash Drive current by updating it regularly.

PASSWORD PROTECT / ENCRYPT THE INFORMATION

For an added level of security, you can password-protect the files or encrypt the drive using software like TrueCrypt. Keep in mind that emergency workers would have a hard time opening protected files.

STORE IT IN A SAFE LOCATION

Store your Survival Flash Drive in a small sealed plastic bag to prevent damage from the elements. Attach it to your key chain, put it in your purse, put it in a fireproof + waterproof safe, put it in a drawer at work, or put it in the glove box of your vehicle. Keep a copy wherever you think it will be safe and available in an emergency away from your house (in case of fire or flood).

SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Create a document on your computer that includes all the details medical personnel may need to know in an emergency. Name the document **ICE** (which stands for In Case of Emergency. Save a copy of the ICE document on your Survival Flash Drive.

Public Evacuation/Medical Needs Sheltering Checklist



What is a Medical Needs Shelter (MNS)?

The Medical Needs Shelter is a location in a shelter area or stand-alone location for evacuees with chronic health and/or minor medical condition(s) requiring oversight by a medical professional.

The purpose of the MNS is to support *basic, short-term health and/or minor medical condition(s)* when people evacuate their home due to a disaster. These people cannot be accommodated in a General Population Shelter due to a specific minor medical need(s).

If a disaster requires evacuation and sheltering, the Medical Needs Shelter will provide a *safe sheltering environment* and basic medical assistance/care for the support or maintenance of chronic health or minor medical condition(s) based on an individual's level of health.

Caregivers (home health care, visiting nurses and family support members) are allowed and encouraged to come to the Medical Needs Shelter in order to continue to provide care for their clients.

Service animals are allowed in the Shelter. The owner is responsible for the conduct of the service animal.

What Should I Bring With Me? (Checklist)

- Personal identification, medical cards, health & prescription insurance cards (including Medicare & Medicaid).
- Any/All* prescription medications you are currently taking in the original bottles with prescription labels; these include insulin and all your over-the-counter medications.
- All parents/caretakers of infants and children with specialized medical care needs should bring formulas as well as disposable diapers and wipes.
- Any blood glucose monitoring devices.
- Eyeglasses, dentures/denture cleaner and hearing aids.
- Any portable medical equipment including wheelchairs, walkers or canes.
- Your oxygen cylinder and an oxygen concentrator.
- Your cell phone and charger.
- A list of personal contacts and phone numbers for your emergency contact(s), family members, doctors, pharmacy, and medical equipment supply company.
- Your medical appointment calendar.
- Clothing and footwear for several days, including night garments and undergarments.
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste).
- Incontinence supplies (liners, briefs and pads) and personal hygiene supplies (toothbrush, razor, comb).
- Any non-perishable food or snacks that support a special diet (liquid-nutrition, gluten-free, casein-free, etc.).

Join Today:



Preparing is Caring Are You Register Ready?
Register Ready is a free, voluntary and confidential web-based program designed to identify the needs of people who may find it difficult to get to safety in the event of an emergency.

