

# *Things You Should Consider Taking With You in an Emergency Evacuation*

- **Medication & Hygiene**: Prescription medications, such as inhalers, Epi Pens, glasses, contacts (with solution & cases), hearing aids, dentures, OTC medication, baby items, basic toiletries & sanitary items.
- **Cash & ID**: Cash, debit & credit cards, driver's license, passport, vehicle & house keys
- **Clothes & Comfort**: Sturdy & comfortable shoes / sneakers, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, extra socks and underwear. If it's cold, bring a warm jacket, hat, gloves and scarf. Sleeping bag, blanket, pillow, flashlight, extra batteries, lighter or matches, candles, AM/FM Radio, plastic storage bags, playing cards, games.
- **Pets**: Medication, food, leashes, carriers or cages.
- **Electronics and chargers**: Chargers for every electronic you bring.
- **Irreplaceable Items**: When it comes to non-essential items, focus on things that can't be replaced like special photos, baby books, and photo albums (example: a deceased parent's wedding album), kids favorite dolls/toys, family heirlooms and keepsakes (jewelry, a blanket knitted by your late grandmother), and any valuables or collectibles you would be distraught to lose. Note: Please try and keep things to a minimum. Space is a luxury.
- **Future Planning**: Certain things that can be replaced, but it's a hassle to do so. If you have the time, and these things are accessible, try and take any "property deeds or rental agreements" for real estate, vehicle, life insurance or any other major investment policies, birth certificates, social security card, and additional licenses or certificates (example: marriage/divorce, firearms, diplomas, etc.). If you store legal documents in your home --Wills, Medical Directives, Power Of Attorney, guardian papers, adoption records, financial paperwork that relies on physical documents --

it's best to take them with you to avoid having to get new ones issued or re-creating them entirely.

- **Insurance:** Even though this might be the last thing on your mind in the moment, you might want to consider taking some photos of your home before you leave. These could prove to be very useful when it comes time to file an insurance claim after the fact if you suffer any property damage. Finally, don't spend any extra time in your home gathering all of these items, or taking photos for insurance purposes, if it jeopardizes your or your family's safety. You can always buy new things. Your safety is the first priority no matter what.