

Protective Actions: Evacuation: Key Items

By now you should have created your **Emergency Supply Kit**, including a battery-powered radio and other essential items. If you haven't, go to the [NJOEM Basic Preparedness page](#) and follow the Three Steps to Safety.

Your Kit contains all the items you will need to Shelter-in-Place or Evacuate. Keep in mind that **you will not necessarily want to take all of these items** with you when you evacuate.

For example, if you do not have your own car, **you might not be able to carry three days' worth of water** for each person in your household! Food and water will be provided at public shelters.

When evacuating you should consider taking the following items for your "Go Kit":

- Battery-powered radio, flashlights and extra batteries
- Extra clothing and footwear
- Two blankets per person
- Medical items such as prescriptions
- Any specialty items related to disabilities
- Childcare items such as diapers and baby formula
- Cash, identification and keys
- Food or snacks
- Reading material or children's toys

Think about the **number of bags** you and your family may need to carry these items. These items and bags are your "**Go Kit.**" Prepare them now and **keep them with the rest of your Emergency Supply Kit.**

Remember: If your home is threatened by flooding or fire, you may have as little as 10 minutes to evacuate. Trying to think of what to save is very difficult in these circumstances. Consider keeping a list of high-priority items you might try to save if you only had 10 minutes. If you cannot carry these items, leave them!