

Do you have **all of the documents** your family will need should you need to set up residence somewhere else temporarily, or your house is completely destroyed, will you have all of the necessary documents? Here are some you will want to have:

Family Documents

Birth certificates

Marriage and divorce papers

Adoption papers

Social Security cards

Driver's license & Passport

Photographs of family and pets

Pet microchip numbers

Phone numbers-family, doctors, employment, faith, insurance agent, credit card, financial advisor, attorney

\$100 Cash, small bills

Financial Documents

Tax information First 2 pages of State & Federal

Financial account numbers

Credit card numbers

Income verification

Insurance information -

Information about bills and obligations –

Remember, being in a disaster does not mean you can just stop paying your bills..

Legal Documents

Living will

Power of Attorney

Trust documents

Titles and deeds to property you own.

Naturalization or citizenship documents

Medical Documents

Insurance information

Immunization records

Allergy information

Medications list - anyone in your family takes medications on a regular basis, list the medications, doses and the doctor who prescribed them Don't forget to list medications for pets.

Crucial medical records

How to Store Documents in Your Disaster Prep Kit

Have more than one place: security deposit box. Copy to trusted friend. Encrypted Cloud Storage, Flash Drive

Use a water proof, fire proof safe

Keep them in a binder

Store them near your kit

Preparing a disaster preparedness kit is simply a wise choice. You have no way of knowing when a potential disaster will strike, and **having the supplies ready to go** will keep your family safe, financially secure and stable during the difficult days ahead.

Home Inventory-remember attic, garage, Take digital pictures of your possessions.

If you receive paper checks from your employer, consider requesting direct deposit

Print or download statements of any bills that you pay automatically, such as rent or mortgage payments, utilities, loan payments, and membership fees.

Download any banking or bill pay mobile applications to your smart phone or device for any bills that you pay online. This will allow you to consider these costs without the need to refer or sort through paper statements.

It is Not recommended to store documents online without using a password protected encryption tool.

Documents

- Store in Watertight baggy
- Add critical passwords
- Know and review your insurance-exclusions or limits
- Current pictures of each family member and pet

After a disaster If a disaster strikes your home, as soon as possible, contact your credit card company, your mortgage lender, and other creditors to let them know about your situation. Most of them have ways to help.

If you can't live in your home, check with your utility companies (e.g., electric, gas, and cable) to see if you can shut off service to add extra money to your budget.

Disaster-chasing criminals may also show up and try to scam you. Watch out for:

- Upfront fees to help you claim services and benefits or get loans. Government employees never charge to help you get a benefit or service.
- Contractors selling repairs door-to-door, especially if they offer deep discounts or ask you to pay them upfront
- Insurance agents who try to sell you after-the-fact policies
- Organizations with names similar to government agencies or charities

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