



What goes in your flood kit?

What items are essential, useful and not so useful to keep in a Flood Kit in the event of evacuation to a rest centre?

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN THE FLOOD KIT:

ESSENTIAL ITEMS:

- **Copy of important documents**
E.g. passports, home insurance certificate, driver's licence.
- **Emergency cash/credit cards**
- **Prescription medicine**
- **Children's essentials**
E.g. milk and sterilised bottles, baby food, nappies, wipes, clothing, etc.
- **Personal flood plan**
It is helpful to have important contact details included in one document e.g. 24hr insurance claims helpline, council and emergency services, family and friends.
- **First aid kit**
In case of injury. This is especially important if the individual has come into contact with floodwater. Reinforce the message that floodwater is dangerous.
- **Bottled water**
There may be disruption to services / utilities and drinking water may be contaminated by floodwater.

USEFUL ITEMS:

- **Mobile phone & charger**
There may be disruption to services/utilities and phone lines may be down. It may be possible to charge your phone at an evacuation centre.
- **Torch & batteries or wind up torch**
Electricity will be turned off during flood conditions because combining electricity and water is dangerous. This may mean that visibility is limited.
- **Radio and batteries or wind up radio**
To keep updated on the latest news regarding the flood.
- **Camera**
To record damage for insurance purposes. It is useful to have pictures of your property prior to the flood to use as a comparison.
- **Tinned (plus can opener) or non-perishable food items**
E.g. energy or cereal bars. Other residential and commercial properties may also have been flooded and shops may be shut. Also remember if you have a pet to include pet food.
- **Blankets and warm/waterproof clothing**
- **Wash kit containing essential items**
E.g. toilet paper, soap, wipes.

NOT SO USEFUL ITEMS:

- **Arm bands**
Floodwater should not be entered as it could be dangerous, therefore arm bands are not required.
- **General electrical items**
Electricity should be turned off during flood conditions because combining electricity and water is dangerous. The rest centre may have electricity but with so many people in one place most electrical items are unlikely to be used.
- **Toys**
Children may consider toys important, but they are not essential or useful during a flood.

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