

**A simple guide** to nine essential items you should pack BEFORE a disaster or



#### **Water**

**Bottled water.** One gallon per person, per day, for at least 7 days, for drinking and sanitation.

 Keep the water in a cool, dark place and change to a fresh supply every six months.



Done

## **6** Flashlight

**Keep a bright flashlight** in case there's no electric power.

- Consider getting a lantern-style light for hands-free use.
- Don't use candles! They're a fire hazard and are easy to lose track of when the lights come back on.





**Nonperishable food.** A supply of at least 7 days of food per person.

- Ready to eat canned meat, fruit and vegetables
- Powdered milk and soup
- Crackers, granola, trail mix
- Manual can opener



**Just the basics** like soap, toiletpaper and a toothbrush.

Moist towelettes can be useful for quick sanitation.



Done



**A battery-powered radio** for listening to news and weather.

- Consider buying a crank-operated or solar-powered radio.
- Don't forget extra batteries!
  Buy them in advance in case they're in short supply.



#### **8** First Aid

**Basics such as** antiseptic, gloves, bandages and non-prescription medicines.

 You can buy a pre-made kit at most pharmacies or grocery stores.





**Collect at least a week's worth** of any prescription medicines you're taking.

 Be sure to note the expiration date so you don't keep them past their date.



# Ocash

**Enough money** (in small bills) to purchase extra food, water or other items, for at least 7 days.



### Clothes

**Collect one** change of clothes and footwear per person.

- Consider packing blankets, rain gear and outerwear in case of inclement weather.
- If you wear glasses, consider packing a spare pair.



**For more information** about emergency preparedness, contact some of the following organizations:

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Hawaii Department of Health	www.health.hawaii.gov
Hawaii Emergency Management Agency	www.scd.hawaii.gov/preparedness.html
(includes links to neighbor islands)	
Dept. of Emergency Mgmt. (Oʻahu)	www.honolulu.gov/dem.html
American Red Cross	www.redcross.org
Centers for Disease Control	www.cdc.gov
and Prevention	
Federal Emergency Management Agency	www.fema.gov
Department of Homeland Security	www.ready.gov