

HOME, SCHOOL, AND BUSINESS PREPAREDNESS

Disaster Supply Kits



Pat and John MacNeil pack kit items in plastic cases in their car.



A Disaster Supply Kit is any pre-assembled group of critical items that will greatly improve the health and safety of individuals during a disaster. Kits can be purchased or homemade in an endless variety of styles and sizes. They can be as small as a shaving kit for your glove compartment or as big a 50-gallon drum filled with supplies for your business. You could have many kits, each suited to a different purpose. One of the smartest places to keep your kit is in your vehicle, as shown here.

**Keep your kit in your car.
Wherever you are,
usually your car's not far!**



Bryce Anderson packs some of his things in a knapsack in his trunk.



DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CONTENTS

AT A MINIMUM, YOUR DISASTER SUPPLY KIT SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- WATER for at least three days but preferably ten days (one gallon per person per day, minimally)
- FOOD for at least three days but preferably ten days (food bars, canned goods, meals ready to eat [MREs], etc.)
- FLASHLIGHT
- PORTABLE RADIO
- EXTRA BATTERIES
- FIRST AID KIT, including surgical or other PROTECTIVE GLOVES
- EMERGENCY BLANKET(S)
- MULTI-PURPOSE UTILITY SHUT-OFF TOOL
- FRS (Family Radio Service) RADIO

IN ADDITION TO THESE ITEMS, DISASTER SUPPLY KITS SHOULD BE PERSONALIZED TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC ITEMS NEEDED FOR EACH PERSON AND HOUSEHOLD. SOME OF THESE ITEMS MAY INCLUDE:

- PRESCRIPTION GLASSES
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS
- PET FOOD AND SUPPLIES
- COLORING BOOKS or other activities for children
- OTHER: _____
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OTHER ITEMS YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER ADDING TO YOUR DISASTER SUPPLY KIT INCLUDE:

- LEATHER GLOVES
- COTTON CLOTHING (jeans, T-shirts, sturdy shoes, socks, scarves, etc.)
- CROWBAR
- SMALL TOOLS (screwdriver, pliers, wrench, etc.)
- CASH
- GOGGLES and RESPIRATOR
- TOILET PAPER and PORTABLE TOILET, or PLASTIC BAGS for human waste
- COMPASS

DRESSED FOR PREPAREDNESS

...and Accessorized for Disaster!

Disaster Supply Kits Should Be Kept at Home, in the Workplace, and in the Car.



Alli Acker, left, is a born-and-raised Topangan who's very passionate about preparedness. Alli has been through many fires, but the Old Topanga Canyon Fire in 1993 was the big wake-up call. Since then, she has been outfitting her Fernwood home, herself, and her family with state-of-the-art emergency preparations. Shown here are some items from Alli's many Disaster Supply Kits. Alli is the Vice Chair, Equine Coordinator, and legal advisor for T-CEP, and a founding member of LACDACCERT.

ROPE

COTTON CLOTHING

BAG, BOX, OR OTHER CONTAINER TO HOLD ALL THIS STUFF

FIRST AID KIT

UTILITY SHUT-OFF TOOL

BOOTS

EMERGENCY BLANKET

PHONE

BATTERIES

PORTABLE RADIO

MEDS

TOILET PAPER

WATER

TAPE
MORE BATTERIES

FLASHLIGHTS

FILTER REFILL FOR RESPIRATOR

FRS RADIO

PRESCRIPTION GLASSES

You Can't Have Enough Batteries!

FOOD

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Draw Your Home Floor Plan!

Use the area below to draw a floor plan of your home indicating the location(s) of the following...

-  - ESCAPE ROUTES
- F** - FLASHLIGHTS
- +** - FIRST AID KIT
- FE** - FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
- D** - DISASTER SUPPLY KIT
- E** - EMERGENCY SUPPLIES
- G** - GAS SHUT-OFF
- W** - WATER SHUT-OFF
- C** - CIRCUIT BREAKERS
- S** - SMOKE DETECTORS
- L** - LADDERS



**Most accidents can be prevented.
Check your home in each of these areas listed below to begin
reducing any potential for accidents.**

Home Safety Checklist – INSIDE

Living Areas and Bedrooms:

- Matches and lighters out of children's reach
- Smoke detectors outside of every room, batteries checked periodically and changed at least annually
- Two exits available from every room (windows count), exit drills conducted regularly
- No "octopus" outlets or overloaded circuits
- No extension cords under rugs or tacked to walls
- Fireplace screen in place, chimney cleaned periodically
- Operating space heaters never left unattended

Bathrooms:

- Medications and cleaners out of children's reach
- Infants supervised at all times

Laundry and Utility Rooms:

- Hot water heater set at 125 degrees (between low and medium)
- No flammable material within three feet of water heater or furnace
- Dryer vented outside and free from lint accumulation
- Dangerous cleaning agents out of children's reach

Kitchen:

- All stove and oven pilots lit
- Hood fan and broiler pan free from grease buildup
- Pan handles turned in on stoves
- ABC-rated fire extinguisher readily accessible

**CHECK
IT
OUT!**

Extension cords are temporary solutions.

Power strips with surge protectors are recommended for your more permanent needs. You might also consider consulting an electrician to install additional outlets and breakers, if necessary.

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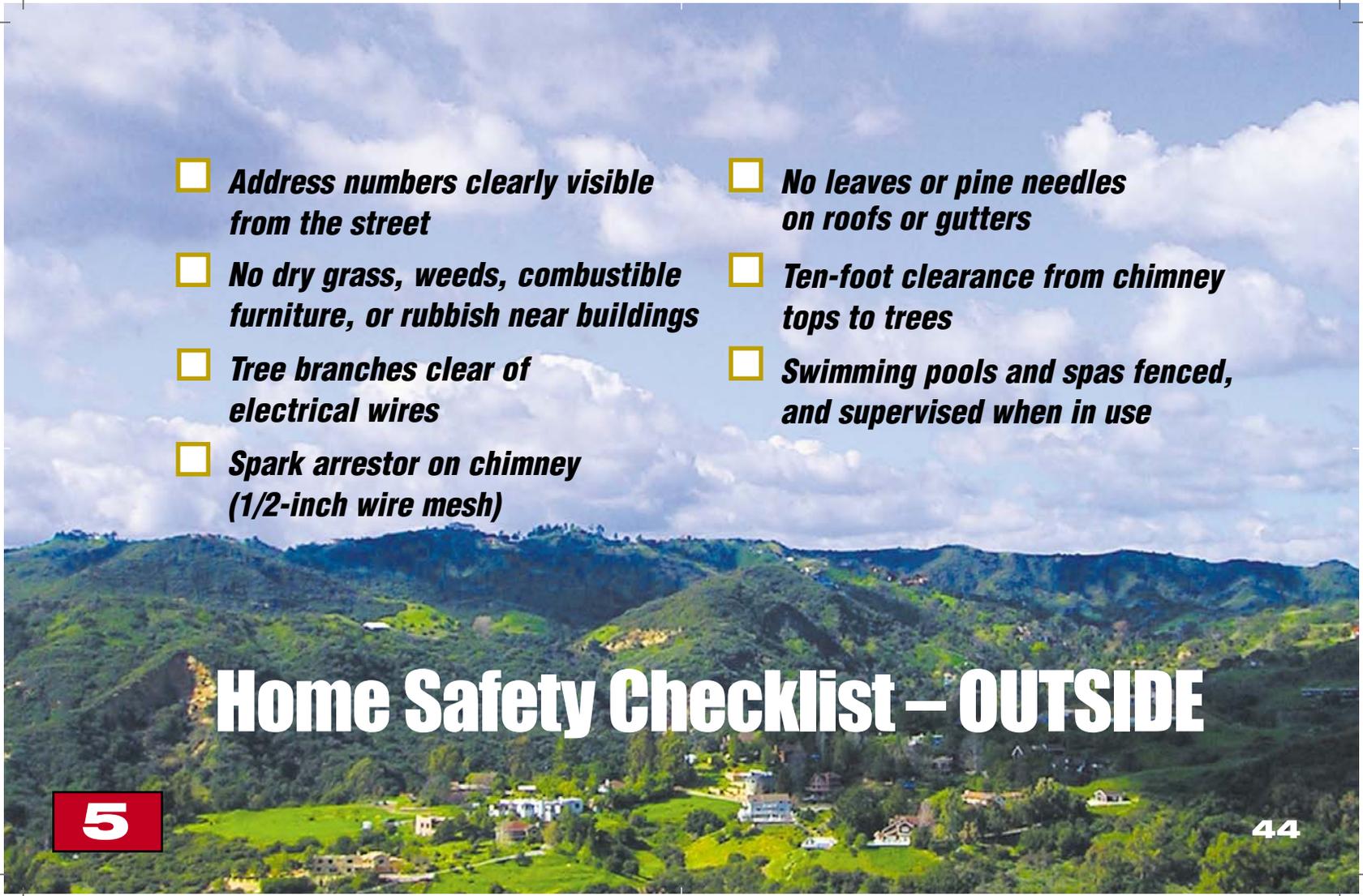
**Home Safety
Checklist — INSIDE****Garage:**

- No open containers of paints or solvents
- All gasoline in safety cans
- Oily rags in metal cans with lids
- ABC-rated fire extinguisher readily accessible
- Pesticides, poisons, and cleaners out of children's reach
- Safety equipment, goggles and gloves, present and in use
- Extension cords unplugged after each use

**CHECK
IT
OUT!****SURVIVAL TIP**

If you live in a two-story home,
you might consider purchasing a
home escape ladder.

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- Address numbers clearly visible from the street***
 - No dry grass, weeds, combustible furniture, or rubbish near buildings***
 - Tree branches clear of electrical wires***
 - Spark arrestor on chimney (1/2-inch wire mesh)***
 - No leaves or pine needles on roofs or gutters***
 - Ten-foot clearance from chimney tops to trees***
 - Swimming pools and spas fenced, and supervised when in use***

Home Safety Checklist – OUTSIDE

School Safety Preparedness

If you have children attending school in Topanga, it is very important for you to obtain a copy of the school's disaster plan and staple or tape the information onto the blank pages following this section. The school's disaster plan information page should answer the following important questions:

- | | YES | NO |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ● <i>Will my child be sheltered in place during a wildland fire or other emergency?.....</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● <i>If so, do I know what precautions my school has taken to ensure my child's safety?.....</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● <i>Does the school maintain a parent-provided disaster supply kit for my child?....</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● <i>If so, have I recently updated it so it is current?.....</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● <i>Does the school have adequate emergency supplies on hand to care for my child?.....</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ● <i>Will I be able to pick up my child, or send someone else to pick up my child?.....</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- *Will my child be evacuated?.....*
- *If so, do I know to what location my child might be evacuated? (In most cases, when children are evacuated to a safer location, that new location is where parents will pick them up.).....*
- *If my child requires special medications, can a short-term supply of these medications be kept at the nurse's office for use during an emergency?.....*

YES NO

Whom can I call to keep updated on the status of my child?
Name: _____
Phone: _____

Please note that these questions do not apply to schools exclusively. You should also review these questions with anyone who is charged with caring for your child or any other member of your household (e.g., babysitter, in-home health care provider, camp counselors, etc.).

SCHOOL SHELTER:

A school that students will be transferred to or remain in that will shelter them during a large wildland fire or other disaster. School staff will supervise the students until an appointed time when they can safely reunite with their parents or guardians.

ATTACH YOUR CHILD'S

SCHOOL
PLAN
HERE

Business Preparedness

ANY BUSINESSES LOCATED IN TOPANGA CANYON should develop their own Business Emergency and Continuity Plans, which will include the following:

- Outline logical actions to take to prepare for an emergency, using the instructions for family preparedness in section 3 of the guide.***
- Share information with employees and casual workers (such as nannies).***
- Give employees (including casual workers) Zone maps and information regarding the Regional/Red Cross Shelters, Community Safety Areas, and Neighborhood Survival Areas.***
- List employees' contact numbers and form phone trees.***
- Provide your clients, staff, and service providers (such as delivery services) with a phone number to call in case of an emergency.***
- Identify neighbors who can help with your children, pets, or home if you are at work—either in Topanga Canyon or outside.***
- Have extra Zone maps available at your business location(s) to hand out to customers in Topanga Canyon in case of an emergency.***

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See Section 14 For Zone Maps, Pages 125 - 142

Individuals in Need of Special Assistance

Individuals in need of special assistance include (but may not be limited to):

- Elderly
- Casual workers
- Pregnant women or parents with newborns
- Homebound individuals
- Non-English-speaking individuals
- Post-surgery patients
- People with physical or emotional handicaps
- The physically impaired
- Individuals with no access to transportation

In the event of an emergency, all of these individuals should interpret an Evacuation Warning as an Evacuation Order and leave the Canyon immediately. (See section 7 for more information on Evacuation Warnings and Evacuation Orders.)

Make sure your family plan takes these individuals into consideration and plan for what assistance is to be provided for them.

You are encouraged to get involved with (or start) a Neighborhood Network to further aid those in need of special assistance during an emergency. (See section 12 for more information on Neighborhood Networks.)