

Pet Emergency Kit Checklist

Create your own pet emergency kit to keep your pets safe until emergency responders can reach you or if you have to evacuate your home. Your pet kit should contain enough supplies to keep your pets safe and comfortable for a minimum of 72 hours. The kit should be clearly labelled, easy to carry and stored with your other emergency kits in an easy to access location.

Use this checklist to build your kit over time and personalize it to suit your pet's needs. Being prepared for disaster does not happen overnight. By taking small steps you won't overwhelm your schedule or your budget.

Items to Consider

- Pet carrier or crate, ideally one for each pet
- Bottled water
- Pet first-aid kit and guide book (ask your vet what to include)
- 3-7 days' worth of canned (pop-top) or dry food (be sure to rotate every two months)
- Paper towel
- Liquid dish soap and disinfectant
- Disposable garbage bags/waste bags for clean-up
- Pet feeding dishes
- Extra collar or harness as well as an extra leash
- Blanket/towels
- Medication
- Recent photos of your pet (in case you are separated)
- Photocopies of medical records and a waterproof container with a two-week supply of any medicine your pet requires (check expiry dates)
- Copies of vaccination records, I.D. tags, medical and insurance information

Special Considerations

- Dogs:
 - Chew toy
 - Treats
 - Muzzle
 - Comfort item
- Cats:
 - Pillowcase or EvackSack, toys, scoopable litter
 - Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans are perfect)

- Litter
- Toy
- Birds:
 - Birds should be transported in a secure travel cage or carrier.
 - In cold weather, make certain you have a blanket over your pet's cage. This may also help reduce the stress of traveling.
 - In warm weather, carry a spray bottle to periodically moisten your bird's feathers.
 - Have recent photos available, and keep your bird's leg bands on for identification.
 - If the carrier does not have a perch, line it with paper towels that you can change frequently.
 - Keep the carrier in an area that is as quiet as possible.
 - Because it is so important that birds eat on a daily basis, consider buying a timed feeder. If you need to leave your bird unexpectedly the feeder will ensure the feeding schedule is not interrupted.
- Reptiles:
 - A snake may be transported in a pillowcase but you should have permanent and secure housing for it when you reach a safe place.
 - Take a sturdy bowl that is large enough for your pet to soak in. It is also a good idea to bring along a heating pad or other warming device, such as a hot water bottle.
 - Lizards can be transported like birds (see above).
- Small Animals:
 - Hamsters, gerbils, mice and guinea pigs, should be transported in secure carriers with bedding materials, food and food bowls.
 - Items such as a salt lick, extra water bottle, small hidebox or tube, and a week's worth of bedding.

Take Your Preparedness to New Heights

- If you haven't done it already, complete your [personal preparedness plan](#)
 - Take the [Personal Preparedness Course](#)
- Build an [emergency kit](#) and/or [grab-and-go kit](#) for the people in your family too
- Make a list of personal items in your home that you would want to take with you, if time allowed (photo albums, computers, back-up hard drive, heirlooms etc.)
- Call your insurance company to discuss coverage and obtain additional coverage, if required
- Refresh your kit (check expiry dates on food, update your contact list and refresh water)

For more information on hazards in Alberta, contact your municipality's Director of Emergency Management or the Alberta Emergency Management Agency at 780-422-9000 (Dial 310-0000 for toll-free access outside Edmonton) or visit www.aema.alberta.ca.