You can do this.

For more information about emergency preparedness, contact:

Montgomery County, Md.	**montgomerycountymd.gov**
American Red Cross	**redcross.org**
Centers for Disease Control	**cdc.gov**
Disaster Help	**disasterhelp.gov**
Federal Emergency Management Agency	**fema.gov**
U.S. Department of Homeland Security	**ready.gov**

If you don't have access to a computer and need information, please contact the Montgomery County Health and Human Services Information Line at 240-777-1245 and (TTY) 240-777-1295.

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1 Water

☐ Done

Bottled water. One gallon, per person, per day, for drinking and sanitation.

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

2 Food

☐ Done

Nonperishable food. A supply of 3–5 days of food per person.

- Ready to eat canned meat, fruit and vegetables
- Canned or boxed juices
- Powdered milk and soup
- Crackers, granola, trail mix

3 Clothes

☐ Done

Collect one change of clothes and footwear per person.

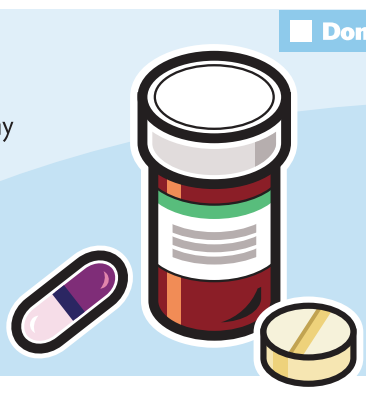
- Consider packing blankets, rain gear and outerwear in case of inclement weather.

4 Medications

☐ Done

Collect three days worth of any prescription medicines you're taking.

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



5 Flashlight

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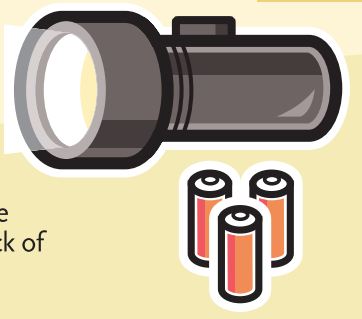
Keep a bright flashlight in case there's no electric power.

- 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.



6 Can Opener

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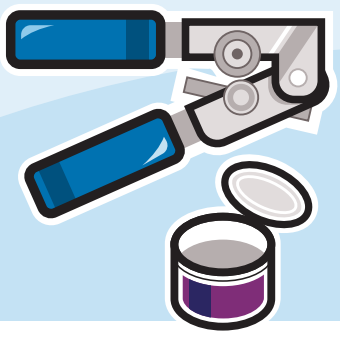
Make sure it's a manual can opener in case there's no electric power.

- Consider buying items with a pull-top opening. You won't need a can opener at all!



7 Radio

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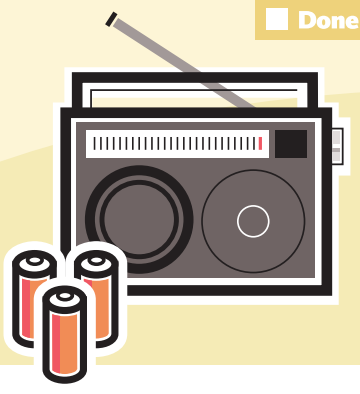
A battery-powered radio for listening to news and weather.

- 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 Hygiene Items

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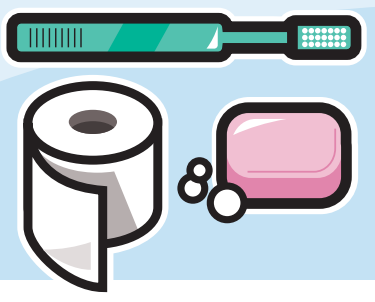
Just the basics like soap, toiletpaper and a toothbrush.

- Moist towelettes can be useful for quick sanitation.



9 First Aid

☐ Done

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

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

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