

Emergency Disaster Kit

One of the key elements for disaster preparedness is the Emergency Disaster Kit. The best container for assembling your Emergency Disaster Kit is a plastic storage box with a tight-fitting, waterproof lid. Here is a list of supplies that you will want to consider:

- A copy of your Emergency Disaster Plan
- Road maps and street guides
- Animal first aid brochure or book
- Extra leashes, collars and harnesses
- Dog stakes and cables
- Muzzles
- Evac Sack (for cats)
- Gloves: Heavy gloves and disposable rubber gloves
- Can opener
- Utensils (spoon, etc.)
- Pet first aid kit and generic pet medicines
- Extra food for dogs and cats
- Bottled water
- Food and water dishes
- Small litter boxes
- Kitty litter
- Pet shampoo
- Flea spray
- Paper and cloth towels
- Blankets
- Plastic sheeting or tarp
- Pocket knife
- Scissors
- Flashlight
- Portable radio
- Extra batteries
- Assorted plastic bags
- Fire extinguisher
- Disinfectant or bleach



Keep your Emergency Disaster Kit in a convenient location. Don't put yourself in the position to be searching for it in the basement or attic when you need it. In addition to the animal care supplies listed above, you'll want to have a written list of any personal items that you would want to have on hand. These may include cell phone, palm pilot, camping gear, bicycle, sporting equipment, outdoors clothing, hiking shoes, etc.

This list is an excerpt from the Disaster Planning Guidelines chapter of PSI's Certification Program. PSI's Certification Program is designed to provide the knowledge necessary for a PSI member to excel in pet care, health and nutrition, business and office procedures, and added services for pet-sitting businesses.