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Household	Comments
55 gallon garbage can (for holding water to flush the toilets)	For holding water to flush toilets
5 gallon plastic pails for carrying water to flush toilets, catching leaks, etc.	These proved to be very wise investments for us during both Hurricanes Ike and Harvey
Aluminum foil	
Baby supplies such as baby food, diapers, baby formula, bottles, medicines, etc.	
Batteries of various sizes to fit flashlights, radios, portable TVs	Be sure to test them in the lights, radios, etc. to ensure you have the right size. It's very easy to confuse "C" and "D" cell batteries!
Blankets	
Can opener - Manual	Having a second one for backup is a very good idea!
Cash	Remember, banks will be closed and ATMs unavailable if we lose electricity. Get plenty of small denomination bills!
Cell phone	Make sure it's fully charged. Also consider a separate high-capacity battery, such as the Anker backup battery for recharging when no power is available.
Charcoal for grilling	NEVER grill indoors; always outside and away from your home.
Charcoal lighter fluid	
Clorox (Regular, not scented)	1/4 tsp per gallon of water will help purify water in an emergency
Contact list of family and friends	Have a printed version in case your phone or tablet dies.
Coolers or Ice Chests: Coleman-type cooler to keep food cool	Consider having two coolers: One for ice and food that will be opened often, and one for just ice that can be kept shut except to remove ice.
Dry ice	Careful! Touching dry ice with the bare hands can cause severe burns!
Duct tape	
Eye glasses or contacts	Extra pair of glasses or contacts
Fan: battery operated	Available at sporting goods stores. Beware that these use a lot of batteries, but are worth their weight in gold when no other option is available.
Feminine hygiene products	
Garbage bags - Box of 30 or more	1.1 mil or stronger
Gas for car	Some extra gas on hand is always a good idea. If you have a generator, be sure to have sufficient gas for the duration you expect to use the generator. Be very careful when storing gasoline around your home!
Ice: Several bags for daily use	

Lights: Area lights for stairs, bathrooms, etc.	The Coleman Micropacker is a great, low-intensity area light.
Matches	
Mops and buckets for clean-up	
Paper plates and cups	This reduces water needed for washing plates and cups
Paper towels	You'll probably use a lot of these as you'll probably be eating at home and cleaning after the storm.
Pillows	
Plastic sheeting or drop clothes	Plastic garbage bags can be cut along the seams and use in a pinch.
Pre-moistened towelettes	
Propane tanks for gas grill	
Radio: Battery operated AM/FM/NOAA Weather radio	For weather radios, consider one with a long (~12") antenna; especially if you live more than 20 miles from the transmitter.
Shoes or boots: Hiking boots or walking shoes	
Sleeping bags	
Solar shower	Purchase at sporting good stores. Hang the container from a tree and enjoy a hot shower.
Sterno	For outdoor food preparation. Do not use indoors!
Thermos for keeping beverages hot	
Toilet paper	
TV - Battery operated	Be sure to test your TV since the new digital signals may not travel as far as they did with the old analog-based transmitters.
Twelve volt to 120 volt AC inverter	
Water bottles	Partially fill plastic one-liter or larger soft drink bottles with water and place in freezer. The bottles will freeze without cracking. (They have stronger plastic than one gallon water bottles.) If the power goes out the frozen water will help keep the freezer cool. When the ice melts the water will stay in the container and you still have drinkable water. Do not use milk bottles; Its almost impossible to get all the milk out.
Water purification tablets	Purchase at sporting goods supply stores
Water: Cooking. The Red Cross recommends at least one-half gallon per person per day for seven days. If working outdoors for extended time, then one gallon is a safer bet. Be sure to include water for pets!	I prefer 16.9 ounce bottles. They can be frozen to make ice.
Water: Drinking. The Red Cross recommends at least one half gallon per person per day for seven days.	Consider purchasing individual bottles (such as Ozarka). This reduces waste and dirty drinking cups by allowing everyone to have their own bottle.

Water: Other water (for flushing toilet, washing hands, bathing). Pool water is great for flushing toilets.	A 30 gallon plastic trash bag can transform a dirty trash can into an acceptable container of wash water.
Waterless hand cleaner / Sanitizer	
Ziplock bags	
<b>Fill in remaining items for your personal needs...</b>	