



Returning Home - After a _____ Date created: _____ What to Take With You

Having supplies on hand can be a big help when returning home after a major disaster or event. Make sure you bring a backpack to carry your items. Try to find something that allows you to be hands-free. You may not be able to buy these items in your area so stock up before heading to the disaster area. Also, once you go home you may not be able to leave the area again. So think of it as a two-week long camping trip in the woods: make sure to bring enough clothing, food, water and supplies for each person.

Supplies You May Need

- Anti-bacterial hand sanitizers, ointments and moist towelettes
- Aloe
- Batteries
- Battery-powered crank radio
- Binoculars (to view the condition of your roof)
- Bleach, disinfectants, ammonia
- Boots with thick soles (rubber and knee-highs for flooding)
- Buckets
- Bug spray
- Cameras (at least two disposable)
- Can of spray paint (to leave notes or to mark dangerous areas)
- Cleaning supplies (broom, mop, shopvac, sponges, etc.)
- Clothing for working (keep in plastic to stay dry)
- Crowbar (to open doors and windows - your key may not work)
- Emergency cash (\$100)
- Face masks
- First-aid kit
- Flashlights
- Food (non-perishables, canned foods, utensils, plates, and can opener)
- Goggles/safety glasses
- House keys
- Insect repellent
- Kleenex/handkerchief
- Notebook, pens, pencils
- Permanent markers
- Plastic garbage bags - choose big, heavy duty ones
- Plastic sheeting, plywood (to cover holes in damaged property)
- Plastic waterproof containers to store items
- Rags
- Sunblock
- Tape - duct tape, electrical tape
- Thick, rubber gloves (elbow length is best and bring several pairs)

- Tool box (hammer, nails, screwdriver, screws, wrench)
- Video camera (remember to talk and detail each item, extra video tapes)
- Water and water bottles (bring more than you think you'll need)
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Wipes
- Wooden sticks for sorting through debris and turning things over
- Work gloves
- Other _____
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Important Documents to Bring

When you arrive on site, you may need to meet with or contact your insurance agent, FEMA officials or others. Bring important items in a waterproof container:

- Cell phone
- Phone card and quarters (your cell phone may not work and electricity may be down)
- Driver's license
- Insurance cards
- Insurance policy
- Insurance claim number (if you've already filed)
- Contact information for your insurance agent and company
- FEMA claim number (if you've already filed)
- Contact information for your FEMA inspector/official
- Any other city, state, federal assistance loans or papers
- Phone numbers for people and services (WHN Contact Lists)
- Yellow Pages or similar phone directories (to contact salvage companies and other services you may need)
- Any other important records or documentation you have (see WHN Records Recovery PDF for a complete list)

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