

Home Emergency Kit

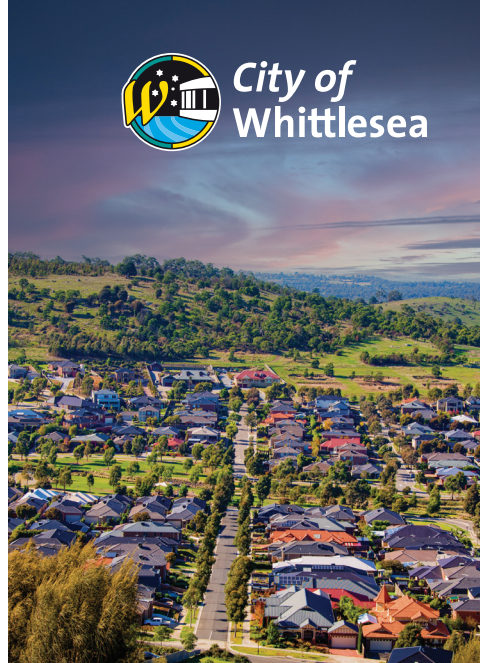
Every household should have a home emergency kit that contains items that you will need, should you have to leave your home.

Here are some helpful tips to help you prepare...

- ✔ **Check the contents of your kit regularly**
You will need to check your kit every few months to a check expiration on food stored (and replace before it expires), to make sure the clothing still fits (particularly necessary for children), to check medications, rotate batteries, update ID, photos, and USB stick of important information and to make sure everything is still in working order.
- ✔ **Ensure that everyone in your house knows where your emergency kit is**
- ✔ **Keep a list of all the items in your kit**
This should include expiration dates.
Check our list of suggested items overleaf.
- ✔ **Store important items close by**
Store important items, like sleeping bags, air mattress, valuables and photos near your emergency kit for quick and easy access.
- ✔ **Write a list of any additional or oversize items that you may want**
There may be some items that won't fit in your kit or that you may not want to store in your kit. Instead, put your absolute essentials in your kit and keep a list of items that you would also want to take in the case of an evacuation, if you have time.



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Suggested items for your emergency kit:

Remember – every household has slightly different needs and that the more people you have in your family, the more supplies you will need.

- ✓ A copy of your home emergency plan
- ✓ First Aid kit
- ✓ Torch and batteries
- ✓ AM/FM Radio and batteries
- ✓ Phone chargers
Consider investing in a portable charger too. Remember to check your portable charger so it is charged.
- ✓ Important documents
Passports, insurance, birth certificates, citizen certificates, wedding certificate, wills, insurance certificates. It is worth keeping a hard copy in a document folder and a backup on a USB stick.
- ✓ Medications and prescriptions
- ✓ Masks and COVID tests
- ✓ Toiletries
Deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, hairbrush, hair ties, insect repellent, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, shampoo, and conditioner, baby items such as nappies.
- ✓ Something to entertain the family
(Pack of cards or books.)
- ✓ Note pad and pencil
- ✓ Water bottles and non-perishable food
(Baby items if relevant such as formula.)
- ✓ Snap lock bags
(The large freezer ones work well.)
- ✓ Whistle and glow sticks
(The ones that you wear around your neck.)
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Plastic rain ponchos
- ✓ Pet items
Food, poo bags, leads, cage, water bowl etc.
- ✓ Blankets
(Wool if in a bushfire risk area.)
- ✓ Plastic food handling gloves and heavy duty gloves
- ✓ Duct tape, string or fine rope
- ✓ Multi-tool and scissors
Might be safest to keep these in a tub.
- ✓ Matches in a waterproof container
- ✓ Small amount of money
- ✓ A list of assistive technology you would need when leaving the house
- ✓ Any sensory items that you rely on

Write on your list exactly where in your home you can find these items, so you aren't hunting for them in an emergency.