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**SUBJECT: Disaster Supply Kit**

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**Jackson** - The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) suggests that the following six basic items be stored in a Disaster Supply Kit. These items should be kept in an easy to locate place known to all family members. These items should be stored in an easy to carry container with quick access.

1. **Water** - store at least one gallon of water per person per day
2. **Food** - store at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation, or cooking and little or no water.
3. **First Aid Kit** - assemble a first aid kit for your home and one for each car. Be sure to include prescription drugs and insulin.
4. **Tools and Emergency Supplies** - Battery operated radio and flashlight with extra batteries; non-electric can opener; sanitation items - toilet paper, feminine supplies, garbage bags, disinfectant; and paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils
5. **Clothing and Bedding** - Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person and blankets.
6. **Special Items** - Remember family members with special needs such as infants and elderly or disabled persons. Also keep a copy of important family documents in a waterproof container such as insurance policies, social security cards, bank account numbers, an inventory of valuable household goods and family records.

Families should also take time while the weather is clear to create an Emergency Disaster Plan. The plan should include: a discussion with household members to identify that types of disasters that could occur in your area; find the safe spots in your home; make a plan to now what to do with your pets in you need to evacuate; buy a NOAA Weather Radio; and determine the escape routes from your home and identify places to meet.