

Creating Your "To Go" Box

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Emergencies: Are You Prepared?

- Natural Disasters
- Fires
- Theft
- Sudden Illness
- Contingency Plans
- Tax Records



Be Prepared for Disaster



by Assembling
an Evacuation
"To-Go" Box...

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STEP ONE:

- Place items in folders or envelopes
- Place these in sealed, waterproof plastic
- Store in durable, sealed box
- Fireproof box is recommended



"To-Go" Box



STEP TWO:

Store box at home
in SECURE location
for easy access



"To-Go" Box



STEP THREE:

- If you must evacuate
 - Keep box with you at all times
 - Do not leave it in your unattended car

Your "To Go" Box Should Include

- Cash
 - Amount depends on number of people in your family and ability to use ATM, debit and credit cards to get more cash or to make purchases
- Rolls of quarters

Your "To Go" Box Should Include

- Emergency phone numbers (local & toll-free)
 - Doctors, pharmacies
 - Banks and other financial institutions
 - Insurance companies
 - Credit card companies
 - Clergy
 - Repair contractors
 - Family

Your "To Go" Box Should Include Copies of...

- Important prescriptions
 - Medicines
 - Eyeglasses
- Children's immunization records
- Health, dental, and/or prescription insurance cards or numbers

Your "To Go" Box Should Include



- Copies of auto, flood, renter's or homeowners insurance policies and policy numbers



- Insurance company telephone numbers
 - Local agent/office
 - Company headquarters

Your "To Go" Box Should Include Copies of These:

- Deeds
- Titles
- Wills &/ trust documents
- Durable power of attorney
- Healthcare directives



Your "To Go" Box Should Include Copies of These:

- Stock and bond certificates
- Home inventory
- Birth, death, adoption and marriage certificates
- Passports
- Employee benefit documents

Your "To Go" Box Should Include Copies of These:

- First two pages of previous year's federal and state income tax returns
- Military service records
- ORIGINALS OTHER THAN WILLS, SHOULD BE KEPT IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX OR AT ANOTHER LOCATION

Your "To Go" Box Should Include

- Back-up copies of computerized financial records
- Keys to safe deposit box
- Combination to safe
- Negatives/disks for personal photos

Your "To Go" Box Should Include

- User names and passwords
- List of debt obligations, due dates, and contact information
- Photocopies of front and back of all credit cards

Include A List of These Numbers

- Social Security (*keep original card here or in safe deposit box*)
- Bank accounts
- Loans
- Credit cards
- Driver's license
- Investment accounts



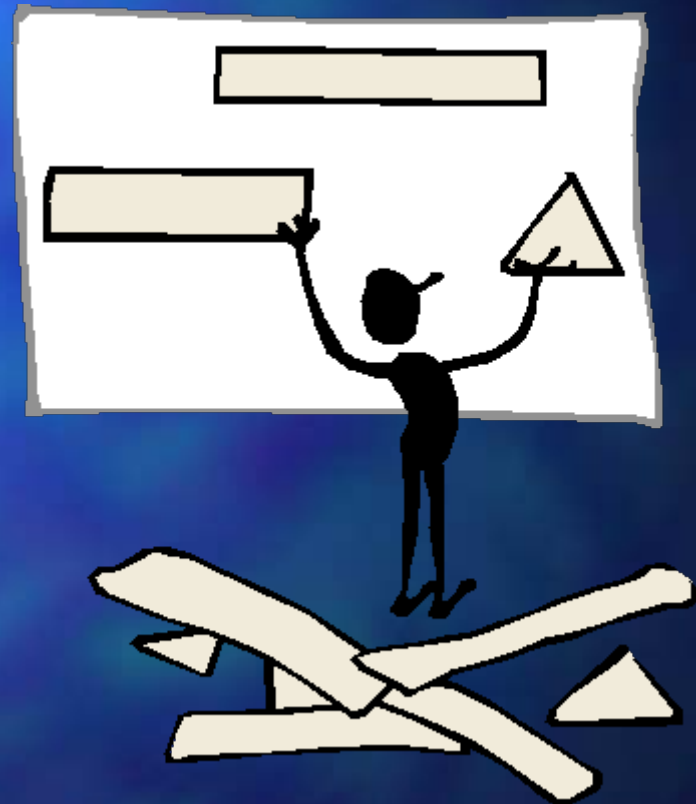
Digital Files



- Instead of paper files, scan your documents
- Store on flash drive or CD

Update Your "To Go" Box

- Review periodically and update
- Add or delete as needed



Planning & Preparations

Can prevent the unexpected from becoming a harsh financial reality



Replacing Valuable Documents

- What if you lose everything?
- Resources for replacing documents may be destroyed
- Most can be replaced
- Resource list compiled for Mississippi provided in handouts

Sources of Information

- LSU AgCenter
- State of Mississippi
- University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service
- Virginia Cooperative Extension
- American Red Cross
- FDIC

For More Information

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