

GO BAG

Every household (or each person in a household) should pack a Go Bag - a collection of items you may need in the event of an **evacuation**. A Go Bag should be packed in a sturdy, easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or suitcase on wheels. A Go Bag should be easily accessible if you have to leave your home in a hurry. Make sure it is ready to go at all times of the year. Some people keep a bag in each of their vehicles.

- **Medicines:** Put a few days supply of prescription pills and other medicines you need in the bag along with the prescription and the instructions. Mark a calendar every three months to check that these are up to date. If you use a medical device such as oxygen, be sure to bring it along during an evacuation. Don't forget pet medications.
- **Food and Water:** A few bottles of water and some food such as granola bars can get you through the first hours of the evacuation until you are settled in a shelter or other location for longer term evacuations. Pet food if you have a pet.
- **Personal Items:** Also needed are personal items such as a tooth brush, tooth paste, comb and other personal grooming items you may need.
- **Clothing:** Clothing for each person in the household as well as clothing for sleeping, possibly in a shelter.
- **Other Items:** Other items to include are a flashlight, a map of the area, a multitool, and anything else you think important. In an evacuation you will also need to remember to take ID, money, passport, credit cards, phone, computer, etc.

Many companies make go-bags. Many organizations also have lists of things to have in your personal go-bag. These can include, The Red Cross, FEMA, insurance companies. Check other sections of this web site for a more comprehensive description of disaster preparedness.

Call the Paradise Fire Safe Council if your group would like to have a presentation for one of its meetings to inform the members of the need to get **READY, SET and GO**.