

## 2025 Prepare in a Year Campaign



### Variety Pack – Store, Explore and Keep up the Good Work!

During the month of April, we are mixing it up a bit with a “Variety Pack” of things to do as you continue to build your 72-hour Go-Bag and prepare for local disasters.

**First up: Important Documents** . . .proving your identity, health records (pets and people), and finances are not often thought of as essential items in a disaster preparedness kit. However, these documents are critical to help ease the burden of getting assistance and resuming a sense of normalcy following a disaster.

#### Family Documents

Vital Records  
Driver’s Licenses  
Social Security Cards

#### Medical Information

Immunization Records  
Insurance ID Cards  
Prescription Information

#### Financial Documents

Insurance Policies  
Sources of Income  
Copy of Lease or Mortgage

**For a more complete list of critical documents to store (link):** [Safeguard Critical Documents and Valuables](#)

The cost of collecting and storing these documents depends primarily on your method of storage, which can be adjusted to fit within your budget (ex.: a safe deposit box, copies, write it down, flash drive or the cloud).

#### **STORE important financial documents:**

\$\$ Financial Preparedness Tips (available in multiple languages): [Financial Preparedness | Ready.gov](#)

\$\$ A disaster checklist for writing/storing your information: [Your disaster checklist \(consumerfinance.gov\)](#)

\$\$ FEMA’s Financial First Aid Kit (fillable forms): [Emergency Financial First Aid Kit \(EFFAK\) | FEMA.gov](#)

#### **EXPLORE \$spring-time \$ales:**

Look for springtime sales on items you can add to your 72-hour go-bag such as water or non-perishable foods. The best advice for non-perishable foods is to find ones you will actually eat. If you don’t usually eat “high-calorie or protein bars” or “meal, ready to eat (MREs)” don’t start during a disaster.

#### **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

Defensible Space . . . it’s what we do! Keep working on your defensible space this month. You may not win on Jeopardy (“I’ll take Defensible Space for 100”), but you may save your home. For more great tips on defensible space and the “0-5-foot ember free zone,” please see the CAL FIRE link: [Defensible Space | CAL FIRE](#)

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#### **Ideas to Consider:**

**Store** your important documents **safely** in a sealed, waterproof pouch that you can easily grab and go during an evacuation. Make a back-up copy and store it in a separate location. **BE SAFE and use password protected storage methods to prevent identity theft.**



**April 2025 Monthly Tip – Store, Explore and Keep up the Good Work!**

\$\$ **National Financial Capability Month** \$\$

