

Emergency Kit Maintenance

CHECK WHAT IS PRESENT, USABLE AND READY TO RETRIEVE

Kit / location: _____ Reviewed by: _____

Review date: _____ Next review: _____

- ☐ Locate the bag, home reserve and separate collection tasks.
- ☐ Inspect bags, closures and containers for damage or moisture.
- ☐ Count actual supplies and update packed / missing quantities.
- ☐ Check individual labels, storage conditions and relevant dates.
- ☐ Inspect lights, batteries and cables according to instructions.
- ☐ Review first-aid components; ask a pharmacist about medicine questions.
- ☐ Update contacts, clothing sizes, care needs and pet arrangements.
- ☐ Confirm who collects everyday items and who is the backup.
- ☐ Repack for access and separately check the complete carried load.

UNRESOLVED ITEMS AND NEXT ACTIONS

Date rules are item-specific

CDC: replace water filled into storage containers every six months; observe labeled expiration dates for store-bought water. Follow individual product instructions and earlier deadlines. A recurring household review is not a universal expiry date.

Sources: [cdc.gov/water-emergency](https://www.cdc.gov/water-emergency) (emergency water supply); [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org)

(Do first aid kits expire?). Checked October 16, 2026. Household record, not a safety certification.

Free Excel inventory and instructions: readyresourceful.com/preparedness/bug-out-bag-checklist/

Full guide: readyresourceful.com/preparedness/emergency-kit-maintenance-checklist/