Parents should learn their children's school and/or daycare providers' emergency plans. Students should know the locations of school or daycare emergency exits and emergency shelters, as well as the evacuation routes. Children with special needs and/or disabilities should be familiar with emergency directions and procedures, such as the Buddy System, which helps ensure that children do not get separated from each other during an evacuation. Instructions from school or daycare staff and/or the principal are important. Parents and guardians should be familiar with the locations and procedures for evacuation shelters and evacuation routes.}

Emergency personnel in deciding whether to shelter in place or evacuate. In many cases, it is safest to remain indoors.}

2. Food
Water
- At least a three-day supply per person.

3. Bottled Water
- A three-day supply of water.

4. Clothing
- Extra clothing or sleeping bag.

5. Personal Items
- Prescription medications for at least a week. Note expiration date. Keep a good pair of walking shoes at your school or place of business. Walking is an effective means of evacuating. Stay on the sidewalk. Do not block evacuation routes or secondary arteries.

6. Important Documents
- Birth certificate
- Social security card
- Insurance
- Identification
- Addresses
- Bank accounts
- Medical information
- Will, if applicable

7. Pets
Pet Evacuation
- Be familiar with your children's emergency pick-up locations.

During an evacuation, the critical point of contacts for the evacuation routes within DC will be effective urban law enforcement officers. The direction of the evacuation will be dictated by the needs of the situation. The schools, home, or business. When evacuation is ordered, occupants of the city have a number of options such as walking, riding public or private transportation.

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DC Emergency Voice Alert, or “Reverse 911”
Voice messaging system that allows emergency managers to notify citizens during an emergency. Citizens are automatically enrolled.

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