



February's Featured Item: Documents & Money

It is beneficial to keep important legal documents for your family in your emergency kit in case of an incident. You will also want to have cash in your kit - it is likely that credit card systems could be down in a major emergency, making it difficult to use credit or debit cards for purchases. Whether it's an earthquake, a severe storm, or mass illness, getting your documents and cash together puts you one step ahead of the unexpected.

What copies of documents should you put in your kit?

- Birth certificates
- Adoption papers
- Marriage license
- Divorce papers
- Social Security cards
- Passports
- Wills
- Green cards/Naturalization documents
- Powers of attorney (personal/property)
- Mortgage or real estate deeds of trust
- Vehicle registration/ownership papers

You may also want to include a list of emergency contacts and of all those living in the residence.

Already have your documents in your kit? Then February is the time to update your items and contact lists.

Also, Citizen Corps has created an [Emergency Financial First Aid Tool](#) to help families maintain financial stability during an emergency.

With your documents and cash in your kit, you're one step closer to being prepared for an emergency.