Storm safety kit contents

- First-aid kit
- Bottled water
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Non-perishable food (optional)
- Can opener (optional)
- AM/FM/Weather radio (battery-operated) Do not store batteries in radio until needed

and test the radio in your “safe area” prior to an incident.

- Blanket
- Fire extinguisher
- Aspirin
- Whistle (to use for identification of your location)
- Corded telephone (cell phones may not work)
- List of phone numbers
- A map to find the main shut-off valves for electricity, gas and water (in case you need to cut them off)
Top 10 Rules for Storm Safety

1. **DO keep a storm safety kit handy**
   You can make your own kit at home.
   Stay inside during lightning storms, and don't use the telephone or computer

2. **DO stay inside during weather events.**
   Lightning and wind can damage power lines, making them very dangerous. It’s also important to stay off the phone and computer during a storm.

3. **DO use flashlights instead of candles.**
   Using candles during a storm is a big fire hazard.
   Call the power company right away if the lights go out

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   The more calls they get, the faster they can find and fix the problem.

5. **DO unplug as many big appliances as possible.**
   This will help prevent damage when the power comes back on.

6. **DON'T open the refrigerator or freezer unless you absolutely need to.**
   Keeping the door closed as much as possible will make the food last longer.

7. **DON'T work near portable generators or heaters.**
   This equipment is very dangerous, so stay far away.

8. **DON'T ever try to use a gas appliance to keep warm.**
   Using a gas appliance the wrong way can cause deadly carbon monoxide. Bundle up in layers of clothes instead.

9. **DON'T go near a damaged power line.**
   Even utility workers can’t tell if a power line is energized just by looking at it. Call for help clearing damaged trees

10. **DO watch out for power lines when cleaning up outside.**