



It's time to think about emergency shelter. If your home suffers extensive damage in a disaster situation, there are many types of shelter that can protect your family from the elements. Shelters range from simple tents and tarps to more protective travel trailers.

Whether you choose one of these or choose to create your own shelter, consider:

- 1. Is the location safe?
- 2. Is it a short term or long-term situation?
- 3. Are there enough emergency supplies at the shelter?

Here are things to consider with different types of short-term shelters:

Types of Shelter



Red Cross/Community Shelter

Red Cross and other emergency shelters are offered at no cost. No reservations are necessary. If you have time to pack, bring bedding, clothing, medications, an emergency kit, and comforting items for kids such as a blanket or stuffed animal. Most don't allow pets, but some will help you find a safe place to board them.



Tent

Tents can be easily moved and can be large enough to shelter entire families. Be sure that tents are waterproof and made of durable material. Pay close attention to where it is placed, as falling debris can be dangerous.



RV/Travel Trailer

A travel trailer can be the perfect shelter if it survives the disaster. It is mobile, sturdy, and can be pre-packed with essential supplies. These can be canned foods, first aid materials, and any other essential items that can help your family remain safe and comfortable until the emergency passes.



Hotel/Motel

If a hotel or motel is still open and has room after a disaster, this can be a quick way to protect your family. They will fill up fast and may only accept cash due to utility outages. If this is your plan, scout them now. Know which are closest and most likely to operate in an emergency.

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