



As the cold winter gives way to a bright and vibrant spring, many of us toss out the old and bring in the new. While you are doing your spring cleaning, make sure you also do the following:



Rotate emergency food, water and medicine

Refill water containers with a fresh supply. Check the expiration dates for bottled water, food and medicine and change them out as necessary.

When refilling water, use the water you are replacing to water your landscape, wash your car, or even have a water fight!



Check your first aid kits

Make sure you have first aid kits in your home and car and have a portable kit ready to take with you on the go. Check your first aid kits to ensure they are complete and replace missing or expired items.



Help prevent fires

Change smoke alarm batteries and ensure all fire extinguishers are in good working condition. Keep flammable items such as firewood and wooden tables and chairs away from structures. Landscaping should be spaced so that fire cannot be carried to structures or surrounding vegetation.



Help prevent flooding

Keep leaves and debris off the street, catch basins and storm drains. Yard debris and leaf piles should be stored away from drainage ditches and streams and disposed of properly.

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How is your emergency kit coming along? We want to see it. Send pictures of your progress to communications@tvwd.org. We will feature customer photos in future publications.



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