

JUMP KIT, GO KIT

The following are suggestion/recommendation items that you should take with you when you report to a shelter/evacuation site. Your personal needs are only known to you, but these items should make your stay at a site a little more comfortable. The things you should have ready is sometimes referred to as a "jump kit" or a "go-kit". You may not be able to return to your vehicle during an emergency, be sure to pack your kit into a case you can carry into the shelter. Once a storm is upon you, you will not be allowed to go outside and get a battery or your medication. If you take a large car type battery for your rig, also take along a hand held. Use the hand held to monitor net control and only use your larger wattage rig when making contacts with the EOC or other shelter. Remember that the repeater could fail and you will need the higher power to contact net control on simplex.

ARES/RACES identification card

Medications you may need

Two meter radio (25 Watts or better) for communications (also take the manual!)

AC power supply and extension cords

Heavy duty battery power supply (commercial power may not be available)

Plenty of extra batteries if you use a hand held transceiver

Extra portable/mobile antenna and coax (an antenna with gain being best), various connectors

Writing pen/pencil

Message forms, Shelter Report Forms (See Handbook Appendix 9 and 12)

Writing tablet

Spare pair of eye glasses

Sleeping bag/blanket

Pillow

Shelters will normally have a good supply of food and water, that's why their shelters. If you have special food needs, such as low fat or low salt, you should take some non-perishable meals with you.

If you volunteer for deployment to assist other counties that need ARES/RACES support, make sure you take enough extra supplies to accommodate the time period. Additional items for long term deployment could include the following:

You will need a State issued "tracking" number for out of county assignment

Personal water for drinking

Cooler with food supply (Take canned or non-perishable packaged foods that do not need additional water, most likely there will not be ice where you are going)

Paper plates, eating utensils

Flashlight

Change of clothes

Personal hygiene items