



NON FOOD ITEMS

During an emergency, staying clean and healthy despite less than optimal conditions contributes to maintaining health and a sense of well being. Thus, non-food items will be just as important as food and water. They will allow you to keep yourself and your surroundings clean, healthy and more comfortable. Every household has different needs. Be sure to consider your unique requirements.

Clean While "Camping"

With the possibility of water and sewer service being disrupted, some supplies will help ease daily tasks and contribute to a healthy environment.

- ✓ Store two dishpans, one for dishes and one for laundry. These may be necessary if you cannot use the drains due to interrupted sewer service.
- ✓ Bleach is essential for purifying water, disinfecting, for rinse water when washing dishes (2½ tsp. of bleach per gallon of purified water) and for odor control in emergency toilet.
- ✓ Store these items to clean and disinfect – dish soap, liquid laundry soap, Lysol.
- ✓ Disposable dishware and utensils save water and are fresh for each use.
- ✓ Tissues and toilet paper are essential for sanitation. Paper towels will also be helpful.
- ✓ Refillable water container with spigot for hand washing station. Store paper towels for drying hands and cleanup.
- ✓ Garbage bags are essential for keeping trash contained and your area clean. Also, if sewer lines are broken, toilets cannot be flushed and so cannot be used as usual. However, your toilet can be emptied of water and lined with two 8 gallon heavy duty garbage bags. A 1:10 bleach/water solution is added to the bag after each use. Daily, bags are tightly closed and collected in a large garbage can. Eventually the city will provide a means of disposal.

Summary chart for non-food items

Consider storing these items together in large covered tubs so they will be ready for use.

Hand sanitizer	Nail clippers and file	Paper towels	Disinfectant cleaner
Toothpaste	Sunscreen	Dish soap	Container with spigot
Toothbrushes/floss	Insect repellent	Plastic dishpans	Buckets
Shampoo	Feminine items	Paper plates and cups	Kitty litter or sawdust
Pump soap	Disposable wipes	Plastic utensils	Garbage bags, L and S
Deodorant	Toilet paper	Bleach (unscented)	Large trash can and lid
Razors/shaving cream	Kleenex	Liquid laundry soap	Special needs supplies
Can opener	Lighter or matches		