MEDICINES AND HEALTH

- Every daily prescription in its original labeled container, in a waterproof bag, on you or in your go-bag.
- A written list: each medicine, strength, how often, prescribing doctor, pharmacy phone, allergies and conditions.
- Never stop or change a prescription to make it last. Some are dangerous to stop suddenly. Ask a doctor or pharmacist.
- Top priority for an extra supply: heart, blood pressure, thyroid, seizure and mental health medicines.

Special handling

- **Insulin:** FDA says vials and cartridges can stay unrefrigerated at 59 to 86 degrees F for up to 28 days. Keep cool and out of sun; never use insulin that froze. Bring needles, meter, strips and fast sugar.
- **Inhalers:** at least one spare.
- **Epinephrine auto-injectors:** two per person who needs them.
- **Glasses:** a spare pair, even an old prescription.
- **Hearing aids:** spare batteries or a way to charge.
- **CPAP and powered devices:** battery pack or vehicle power adapter.

Also in the bag

- Pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medicine, antacid, motion sickness medicine.
- Children's versions measured for their weight, with the dosing cup or syringe.
- First aid kit, phone and radio power, cash, copies of IDs and papers.

On the road

- Leave early and know a second route.
- Pick a destination not exposed to the hazard you are leaving.
- Start with a full tank, a spare tire and traction devices in winter.

ONE PERSON, ONE DAY

	Driving	Hiking
Water	1 gallon (8.3 lb)	2 gallons in heat or hard effort (16.7 lb)
Food, adult	2,200 calories (about 1.4 lb no-cook food)	3,000 calories (about 1.5 lb trail food)
Food, school-age child	1,600 calories (about 1 lb)	2,000 calories (about 1 lb)
Medicines	1 day of each, plus your full reserve	
Socks	1 clean pair	1 pair, plus a dry pair for sleeping

Driving: carry 7 days of water and food per person, even for a 1-day drive. **Hiking:** carry enough to reach the next safe water, not the whole trip.

Scale it up

Water (gallons) = people x gallons per day x days
Food (calories) = people x calories per day x days

Example: 4 people driving, 7-day buffer = 4 × 1 × 7 = 28 gallons (about 234 lb).

Make water safe

- Boil at a rolling boil for 1 full minute, then let it cool.
- Or add 1/8 teaspoon plain, unscented bleach (5.25 to 6.0 percent) per gallon, stir, wait 30 minutes.
- Never assume creek, spring, canal or lake water is safe because it looks clean.

The 1-gallon figure is the Ready.gov minimum; Ready.gov notes needs can double in very hot weather. Calorie and weight figures are planning figures.

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GETTING THERE

INDIANA

10 places in this state, water and food for one person per day, and a medicine checklist

If someone is hurt, trapped or in danger, call 911 first. Follow your local officials.

These are areas to study, not promises of safety, and not permission to enter or use anyone's property. Respect private land, closures and local rules.

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INDIANA: THE PLACES

Listed A to Z, not ranked. **Medium** means water, a current food base and a hazard were each confirmed in a published source; **Low** means at least one was not. Checked November 2026. Coordinates are approximate.

Berne — LOW

Adams County · 40.66 N, 84.93 W

Water and food: Buried Teays River Valley aquifer makes the area water-rich; large Amish community; farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Flat; tornadoes

Bloomfield — LOW

Greene County · 39.03 N, 86.87 W

Water and food: White River; farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Flooding

Jasper — MEDIUM

Dubois County · 38.40 N, 86.94 W

Water and food: Patoka River; farming is the main land use around the city
Watch out for: Tornadoes, flooding and severe storms statewide (NOAA)

LaGrange — LOW

LaGrange County · 41.65 N, 85.40 W

Water and food: Water and farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Winter storms

Madison — LOW

Jefferson County · 38.76 N, 85.41 W

Water and food: Ohio River; farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: River flooding

Nashville — LOW

Brown County · 39.24 N, 86.22 W

Water and food: Salt, Greasy and Jackson Branch creeks; farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Tourism crowds to Brown County State Park

Paoli — LOW

Orange County · 38.55 N, 86.45 W

Water and food: Water and farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Karst groundwater can be easily contaminated

Rensselaer — LOW

Jasper County · 40.95 N, 87.13 W

Water and food: Iroquois River; farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Sometimes severe cold winters

Salem — LOW

Washington County · 38.61 N, 86.08 W

Water and food: Small ponds; corn and soybeans are the main crops; water source not confirmed
Watch out for: Tornadoes

Vevay — MEDIUM

Switzerland County · 38.77 N, 85.09 W

Water and food: Ohio River; vineyards and winemaking since Swiss settlers arrived in 1802
Watch out for: Flooding and severe storms statewide (NOAA)

State hazards: Tornadoes, flooding, severe storms, winter storms and heat. The southern hills have springs and forest; the north has strong Amish farm communities.

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