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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GLOVE BOX CARD

GETTING THERE

OHIO

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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OHIO: 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.

Athens
LOW

Athens County · 39.32 N, 82.10 W

Water and food: Hocking River; region known for fruit growing by 1935; current farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Repeated Hocking River floods (1832, 1873, 1907, 1964) until the channel was moved in 1969

Bryan
LOW

Williams County · 41.47 N, 84.56 W

Water and food: Water and farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Record high 106 and record low -20 degrees Fahrenheit

Coshocton
LOW

Coshocton County · 40.28 N, 81.87 W

Water and food: Where the Walhonding and Tuscarawas rivers form the Muskingum; farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Flooding

Hillsboro
LOW

Highland County · 39.17 N, 83.61 W

Water and food: Water and farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Tornadoes

McConnelsville
LOW

Morgan County · 39.67 N, 81.84 W

Water and food: East bank of the Muskingum River; farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Flooding

Middlefield
LOW

Geauga County · 41.45 N, 81.04 W

Water and food: Amish settlement; water and farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Lake-effect snow

Millersburg
LOW

Holmes County · 40.56 N, 81.83 W

Water and food: Near Killbuck Creek in the heart of Ohio's Amish Country; farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Tourism; record low -35 degrees Fahrenheit

Mount Vernon
LOW

Knox County · 40.38 N, 82.49 W

Water and food: Kokosing River; farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: A 1959 flood forced 500 homes to evacuate

West Union
LOW

Adams County · 38.80 N, 83.53 W

Water and food: Water and farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Hilly

Woodsfield
LOW

Monroe County · 39.75 N, 81.10 W

Water and food: Water and farm base not confirmed
Watch out for: Plant closures and job losses

State hazards: Tornadoes, flooding, severe storms, winter storms and heat. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the large metros were avoided. Ohio has the largest Amish community in the country.

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