



Disaster Camping Basics

In a severe disaster where your home has been compromised, you should be prepared to camp out. We recommend creating a backyard disaster cache now, consisting of the supplies below, so that you're ready to create a backup shelter for your family if needed. Many of these items can be found at Simpler Life Online, Redwood Trading Post, Ace Hardware, and Target.

- Tarps
- Tents
- Canopies
- Lanterns
- Headlamps & flashlights
- Water filter bottle
- MREs
- Freeze-dried food
- Port-a-potty
- Trash bags
- Camp clothing
- Ponchos
- Sleeping bags
- Blankets
- Matches
- BBQ
- Personal hygiene kits
- Coleman stove
- Folding tables & chairs
- Tent repair kit
- Air mattresses
- Cots
- Whisk broom
- Non-lethal self-defense:
 - Bull horn
 - One-mile whistle
 - 1000-3000L flashlight
 - Wasp spray
 - Boat horn
 - Fire extinguisher

Below are the recommended components for setting up shelter operations in your backyard. The order may depend on the circumstances.

Weather-safe shelter

Tarp, tent, and canopy
Lighting (lanterns, headlamps, flashlights)

Food and water

Refrigerator (~8 hrs) and freezer (~48 hrs)

First aid, medications, and vitamins

Sanitation

Port-a-potty, toilet paper
Shovel, lye, plastic bags

Warmth

Clothing (caps, coats, ponchos, gloves)
Sleeping bags and blankets
Fire starting tools and outdoor BBQ/fire pit

Security

Mark perimeter
Non-lethal self-defense (see above)

Specialized care

Supplies and conditions to support elderly, handicapped, children, and pets

Hygiene

Personal hygiene kits, water, towels

Food preparation

BBQ with spare propane cannister
Propane stove

Fire fighting

Pool, utility source, pump, 100-ft hose (1")
Fire extinguishers
Shovels and dirt

Debris clearing

Chain saw (e.g., 2.5 kW Genset)
Shovels, rakes

Critter remediation

For more information about Atherton disaster response, please visit www.getreadyatherton.org.