

GoBag Contents

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Personal Equipment

Each ECom member is expected to be prepared to respond as effectively as possible to a callout.

No one is expected to ignore personal responsibilities to family or employer, nor unnecessarily risk their welfare! However, personal inconvenience or lack of preparation is insufficient reason for not supporting a callout!

How do I prepare? Put together a "go-bag" of the items suggested in the equipment list shown below.

Please understand that you are not expected to stuff your entire ham shack, closet and pantry into a time capsule in preparation for an alternative life style in support of ECom. Rather that you think about the items you do not have and acquire them while there is time and no urgency.

The list includes virtually everything you will need to be helpful in an ECom event. We suggest you maintain one "go-bag" with the items that you would need only during a deployment and possibly a second (or it could be just a list) of the items that, when added to the first, will provide you with the personal supplies and radio equipment to make you much more effective and comfortable during an event.

To summarize, don't wait until you are called, to assemble your "go-bag". Do it in advance at your leisure.

The items shown in UPPER CASE are the ones most likely to be needed.

Equipment:

ARES/ECOMM/RACES/SERVED-AGENCY IDENTIFICATION CARD(S)
COPY OF AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE
HANDHELD RADIO (dual band if possible)
SPARE BATTERY PACKS (CHARGED nicad and AA) /w CHARGER
HEADSET, SPEAKER-MIC.

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The most usable headset in high noise areas will have noise cancellation in the -20db to -30db to be effective.
DO NOT USE THE VOX OPTION on any headset.

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19IN. MAG. MOUNT/GROUND PLANE ANTENNA (will function on 70cm)
COAX JUMPERS AND CONNECTORS
CONNECTOR ADAPTERS (bnc/pl259, bnc/so239, some radios require SMA)
DUCT TAPE
SHORTHAND NOTEBOOK, PEN & CLIP BOARD
WATCH or DIGITAL CLOCK
MAPS OF THE AREA (Topo and street)!!!
COPIES OF MESSAGE FORMS ARRL and ICS-213
Compass and/or GPS
Copy of District & Unit Operations Manual

List of served agency phone numbers in your area (not just your district)

Boundary-Marking Tape

Insect Repellent (summer)

Survival Items:

3 DAY SUPPLY OF PERSONAL MEDICATION!

WARM CLOTHING & BOOTS (bright colors for shirts and jackets)

HAT - (this is IMPORTANT for everyone)

GLOVES

SPARE GLASSES (spare contact solutions if you wear them)

FIRST AID KIT

SUPPLY OF WATER (the warmer your region, the more you need but EVERYONE needs water with them)

TOILET PAPER/KLEENEX

Moist Towelette Packets

SUN SCREEN (winter or summer)

RAIN SUIT/PONCHO

ORANGE VEST (for use if your clothing is drab colored)

Space Blanket

Plastic ground cover tarp

Spare shoe laces and some twine

Wool blanket

Fanny-pack/Back-Pack

Sports/Bicycle water bottle

High energy snacks

Large trash bags

Flashlight W/extra batteries

Whistle

Tools:

SWISS ARMY - type - KNIFE

SCREW DRIVER (phillips and flat)

PLIERS

SIDE CUTTER

CRESENT WRENCH

ELECTRICAL TAPE

VOM

Fence Pliers (includes hammer)

Crimp Tool (includes wire stripper)

Assortment of crimp connectors, nails, brads, tacks

4 or more each of the 4", 8" and 12" plastic cable ties

For public service events:

COOLER with FOOD & DRINK

Lawn chair

Umbrella (sun or rain)

Optional items:

3 Wire AC Extension Cord w/2-3 pin adaptor

AC to 12V power supply

Soldering Iron w/solder

2M Beam Antenna w/Tripod, mast & guy rope

Nut Driver set
Folding set of Allen/Torx wrenches
Zip Cord
Cash (for pay phones & if power is out)
Transistor radio
Binoculars

HF Unique:

HF rig (12V dc preferred) with:
Microphone
Key
Head phones, external speaker
Tuner
50+ ft. of RG8X or better

NVIS antenna: which is NOT a mobile vertical

75m dipole or 130 ft of wire
Insulators
3 Masts, 8ft or more, preferably non-conductive
Guy rope
Tent pegs for guys
Lead weight & 50 ft light line for tossing over branches
"Loud" marking tape to warn passers-by of guys, lines.

Power source (one or more):
12V gel cell 75 A/H w/ charger
Vehicle w/ 12V battery & gas

Portable shack:
Shelter tent
Table & chair