

# Jump Bags, Go Bags, Bug Out Bags, Survival Bags

## Getting Started

Jump Bags, Go Bags, Survival Bags, Bug Out Bags, Get Out Of Town Bags, they have many different names and interpretations, but their purpose is to help ensure your survival, during a disaster or emergency evacuation, be it Wildfire, Earthquake, Tsunami, or other unexpected major Disaster.

In these documents we'll refer to them as Jump Bags and Kits, but no matter what name they're called, they are all Survival Bags.

Please use these documents as a guide only, they're not meant as the definitive word, only **You** will know what to pack for your needs during an emergency evacuation.

Please don't make the easy mistake of having too much, or packing too heavy, because you may be forced to travel on foot for long distances.

The Santa Rosa and Paradise area wildfires have tragically shown us that one may have only minutes to evacuate their premises during an emergency, and your very survival may depend upon your level of preparedness and training.

There are many websites that explain how to put together Jump Bags, so the information is readily available, if not somewhat overwhelming, but theres more good info here: <https://www.ready.gov/>

The documents here will be a bit different, to hopefully get you thinking about possible survival scenarios that you may encounter in your daily life, and how you might deal with them on a personal level, before they occur.

For consistency in this guide, we'll call them Jump Bags, but feel free to adapt and use your own names for each different bag or kit that you, or your family prefer.

Nobody can predict, nor remember, every item they'll need during an evacuation and, or, emergency, so don't agonize over it, just put together something that you feel may work for you right now, it can always be adapted, added to, etc. later.

## **Suggested Bags and Kits:**

1. Daily Bag + Children's Bag
2. Get Me Home Bag
3. 72 Hr Jump Bag
4. Vehicle Survival Kit
5. Medical Bag
6. Pet Bag

## **The Bag Itself:**

Until you have your personal survival items collected, don't be concerned about choosing a bag just yet. You may find that a small to medium sized bag that can be carried on one's back, will likely be ideal. But anything with a strap that can be used as a handle, and can securely contain your stuff will suffice in an emergency.

Once you've collected most of your Bag contents, then you'll better be able to gauge the size of Bag you'll need. The Bag itself can be anything handy you have around, just be sure that it's sturdy enough to carry around while fully loaded.

Inexpensive bags will have zippers that will fail under load, rendering them useless. Cheap bags will come apart at the seams, spilling their loads at inopportune times.

Always test out your Bag with a load under real world conditions. Fill it with your chosen items, then open and close all the zippers and snaps, etc., lift it up and down from it's straps/handle, multiple times, carry it around, toss it down.

Look for any signs of distress, a sticking zipper, seams ripping out, tearing fabric, etc., and find another bag if these issues occur. You do not want your Bag to fail during an emergency evacuation. Test it out.

## **Other Thoughts:**

If roads are passable, a van or truck, especially one with an extra gas tank, can carry a small motorbike of the off-road-style. That, and extra fuel and oil, may become life

saving, and well worth the effort to load it up. Bicycles with off-road tires and suspension, and a helmet, would also be ideal to bring along.

**End Notes:**

This information contains personal opinions, experiences, and suggestions.

Use this information at your own risk, it is meant as general guide lines, so you can make your own personal set of *Survival Jump Bags, and Kits*. I offer this information without remuneration, as a public service only.

I, and any associated, or sponsoring groups, can not be held liable, or responsible for, any accident, distress, injury, or death, related to any items, added to, or missing from, someone's Survival Jump Bags, or Kits.

It is up to each bags owner to personally assess, and add, the items they'll need for their particular life situation.

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