

Step One – November 2015

Storage Containers

Our first step in building a 96 hour kit is getting some kind of a container to put our stuff in. You might already have something in mind such as a suitcase, packpack or some kind of a box. We like the idea of a hard case cooler with wheels. This can protect our kit and its easy to move around, you can also use it as a seat. You can pick these up for around \$89 if you look around.



If you would like to spend a little less, they do make plastic containers with wheels that will work just as good. One down fall is that they are not as rigid so you loose a little protection.

Now our kit needs to hold everything to be somewhat comfortable for 96 hours, and most likley the container will not be big enough to hold everything, We will also need something for your clothes. There are many kinds of bags to chose from. You can pick up a used military bag for pretty cheap \$15 and up. They come in many sizes and shapes, Some bags have shoulder straps that might make it a little more easy to carry. Remember these are just ideas so choose the ones that will work for you.



Once you have the bag you want to use, you can now start to fill it up. Go through your closet and pick items that you will not miss. Make sure you have shoes, if you have hiking boots that would be great, remember you can still use them just remember to put them back. Since we don't know when a disaster will happen make sure you have the proper clothing for the right time of the year, gloves, hats, sun protection etc, and try to dress in layers. Also have plenty of undergarments and socks. Zip lock bags will also help in keeping things dry and organized.

One more thing, get 10 dollars in cash. Put it in a zip lock bag and place it in the container. In a disaster situation ATM's and credit cards probably will not work, so small bills will be a lot easier to work with. \$10 is not much, but over the months it will add up.