A simple guide to the nine essential items to help you shelter-in-place, and what to bring to a shelter in the event of an emergency.

**Water**
- **Bottled water**: One gallon, per person, per day, for drinking and sanitation.
  - Keep the water in a cool, dark place and change to a fresh supply every six months.

**Medications**
- **Collect three days worth** of any prescription medicines you’re taking.
  - Be sure to note the expiration date so you don’t keep them past their date.

**First Aid**
- **Basics such as** antiseptic, gloves, bandages and non-prescription medicines.
  - You can buy a pre-made kit at most pharmacies or grocery stores.

**Radio**
- **A battery-powered radio** for listening to news and weather.
  - Consider buying a crank-operated or solar-powered radio.
  - Don’t forget extra batteries! Buy them in advance in case they’re in short supply.

**Flashlight**
- **Keep a bright flashlight** in case there’s no electric power.
  - Consider getting a lantern-style light for hands-free use.
  - Don’t use candles! They’re a fire hazard and are easy to lose track of when the lights come back on.

**Can Opener**
- **Make sure it’s a manual** can opener in case there’s no electric power.
  - Consider buying items with a pull-top opening. You won’t need a can opener at all!

**Hygiene Items**
- **Just the basics** like soap, toilet paper and a toothbrush.
  - Moist towelettes can be useful for quick sanitation.

**Clothes**
- **Collect one** change of clothes and footwear per person.
  - Consider packing blankets, rain gear and outerwear in case of inclement weather.

**Important Contacts:**
- **Emergency**: 911
- Police, non-emergency: 229-8522
- Ambulance: 528-3900
- Senior Center: 229-7037
- Highway Department: 229-7030

*Take these if you have to leave home and go to a shelter*