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*Helping animals through intervention, education, advocacy*

## AFTER THE DISASTER: IS YOUR BIRD READY?

To prepare your bird for a natural disaster, store the following supplies and first aid items in a protected area, in a portable container such as a plastic bin or a trash can with a lid.

### Supplies

- 1-week supply of your bird's food (replace it often to keep it fresh)
- 1-week supply of water
- Large carrier (such as a cat or dog carrier) instead of its regular cage, especially for big birds
- Blanket or towel to cover carrier or to wrap around bird
- Gloves for handling smaller birds

### First Aid Kit

- Styptic powder such as Quik-Stop (for nails only)(If your bird breaks a feather or nail, stop the bleeding by gently pinching the wound closed.)

### Transporting your bird in an emergency

- Plan and prepare ahead of time to make your evacuation with your pet quick and safe.
- Place your bird in sturdy pet carrier that's large enough for it to move around.
- If there is no perch in the carrier, line the bottom with paper towels.
- Keep the carrier in a quiet, safe area. Do not let the bird out of the carrier.
- Place a towel over the carrier to calm the bird. (Birds need a certain amount of light each day. If you cover the carrier, make sure to allow a few hours of light, either natural light or a flashlight.)
- In cool weather, wrap a blanket around carrier for warmth. In warm weather, carry a plant mister to mist your bird's feathers.
- Offer a few slices of fruits and vegetables with high water content instead of water.
- Birds are very sensitive to smoke. If you are leaving a fire, make sure your bird is removed first, and that its carrier is well covered to keep smoke out.



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